



NEW ZEALAND  
**POLICE**  
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

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Mark Hanna

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/10536-use-of-force-and-police-dogs-chapter-of-the-police-manual#incoming-39362>

**Reference: IR-01-19-19055**

Kia ora Mark

I refer to your request of 14 June 2019 for the below information:

*"1. The chapter of the Police manual entitled "Police Dogs - Use of force and Police dogs" or, if no such chapter exists, the chapter(s) that have superseded this chapter.*

*2. Any other documents regarding the use of force and Police dogs, including any guidance documents regarding when and how the use of Police dogs should or should not be recorded in the TOR database."*

Firstly, I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding to your request. As advised in July, your request did not initially go to the appropriate work group for response and extensive discussions were needed between the original work group and the one who was really responsible for the information, as well as a legal review of the information.

The response you were initially provided was not in a searchable format. This was due to an administrative oversight. Similarly, the missing information was not intentional and Police apologise for both of these omissions. As you will know, there has been a revised response sent to you and I hope that has satisfied your request.

Yours sincerely

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