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Mary Philipps

Email: fyi-request-19044-c054f44f@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Dear Mary,

Thank you for your email dated 4 April 2022 concerning the right of the New Zealand Kennel Club Incorporated (the Incorporated Society) to fine its members.

You submitted your email as an official information request through the website <https://fyi.org.nz/>. However, your request does not relate to any official information I or my officials hold. I am therefore declining your request.

You have asked whether the Incorporated Society can legally fine its members without a rule enabling fines. I am unfortunately not able to provide legal advice on specific cases concerning the rules governing incorporated societies. I suggest you seek advice from a lawyer.

I understand that my officials have contacted you to discuss your options, and have offered to provide you with a list of lawyers who specialise in incorporated society law.

In terms of my decision to decline your official information request, you have the right to seek investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

I wish you well for your dealings with the Incorporated Society. I am sorry I cannot be of more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Clark', written over a large blue scribble.

Hon Dr David Clark

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