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Tēnā koe Mike

OIA request 22/23 0710 Request for information on the National Dog Database

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 7 April 2023.

You requested –

- 1. Please provide the total number of dogs currently registered in each of the local authorities (city/district councils etc) within the Wellington region.*
- 2. Please provide the attributes (aka fields, or schema) and metadata held in the national dog database. To be clear I would I'm not asking for the information the database contains.*

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

Question one

I can advise that the information requested is available on the following website, https://www.localcouncils.govt.nz/lqip.nsf/wpg_URL/Profiles-Local-Government-Statistical-Overview-Dog-Control-Statistics. Territorial authorities supply and maintain information held on the database, established by The Department.

Therefore, I must refuse this portion of your request pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act; that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Question two

Section 34 of the Dog Control Act 1996 stipulates the information that must be collected by the territorial authority for the National Dog Database (NDD). The NDD holds information on all registered dogs including registration detail, microchip number (if applicable), breed and year of birth. The name, address, and date of birth details of owners are also recorded.

Further information about the NDD can be found on the Department's website;

https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Dog-Control-National-Dog-Database?OpenDocument.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Crawford-Smith', written in a cursive style.

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