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Dear Mr Palmer

**Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request 17/18-0198**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 11 December 2017

*You requested*

*A summary of information on the National Dog Database, broken down on the basis of reporting councils and dog breed and dog colour*

The National Dog Database administered by the Department publishes statistics gathered by local councils and territorial authorities yearly.

You can view all territorial authorities, breeds, genders, the number of dogs de-sexed and microchipped, and the number of dogs classified as menacing and/or dangerous from 2013 onwards at this link hosted by the Department:

[http://www.localcouncils.govt.nz/lqip.nsf/wpg\\_url/Profiles-Local-Government-Statistical-Overview-Dog-Control-Statistics](http://www.localcouncils.govt.nz/lqip.nsf/wpg_url/Profiles-Local-Government-Statistical-Overview-Dog-Control-Statistics)

The National Dog Database statistics can be viewed in Excel at:

[http://www.localcouncils.govt.nz/lqip.nsf/Files/Excel/\\$file/Dog%20control%20statistics.xlsx](http://www.localcouncils.govt.nz/lqip.nsf/Files/Excel/$file/Dog%20control%20statistics.xlsx)

– you may need to Enable Content in Excel to select cell B1 to view each council.

As dog colour is not information gathered as part of the National Dog Database, this information is not available in the published statistics and is not otherwise gathered.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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