

OIR: 2425/1152

15 October 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **8 October 2024** requesting the following information:

- 1. Provide data - going back 10 years - on any Assist/Service Dogs that have been attacked or been refused in a shops/malls, Public Transport etc.***

When any dog attack or incident is reported to Council, the file is linked to the alleged offending dog/owner not the victim dog/owner.

To obtain the information you request would mean a manual review of all dog attack/dog threatening complaints for the last 10 years and determine if any offending dogs had attacked or rushed an Assist/Service dog.

Therefore, this has been withheld under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

- 2. Also, what dates this happened and the dates off any of the 8 organisation Assist/Service Dog are from. I do not need the name of the person.***

This information is not held by Council. Therefore, this has been withheld under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA as the information cannot be found.

- 3. Also, when the dog control bylaw review is please.***

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

The Dog Control Bylaw 2019 is currently available at:

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/20smk0is/dog-control-bylaw-2019-amended-2023.pdf> the next review date is currently expected before 14th March 2029

In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Jefferson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Jefferson

Group Manager Regulatory and Environment
Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū Ture me te Taiao