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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide most of the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about dog control, specifically:

- How many registered dogs we have in the Whakatāne District as at 1 May 2025.
- How many dogs were impounded from 1 December 2024 - 30 April 2025, and how many of these dogs were then euthanised?
- The reasons for the euthanasia with figures for each reason.
- Of the dogs released, how many were released to owners, how many to rescue organisations, and how many adopted?
- The same information for the period of 1 December 2023 - 30 April 2024.

Please see the tables below for the information requested. Please note that we do not keep records of why dogs were euthanised; there are a number of different reasons, for example the dogs were not suitable for rehoming, or the time limits for holding the dogs had expired.

Impounded Dogs	Total number of dogs impounded	Collected by owner	Rehomed	Euthanised
December 2024	30	16	4	10
January 2025	58	19	2	37
February 2025	45	10	4	31
March 2025	54	12	2	40
April 2025	47	16	3	28
May 2025	86	26	5	55
Total	320	99	20	201

There were 5624 dogs registered in the Whakatāne District at 1 May 2025.

Impounded Dogs	Total number of dogs impounded	Collected by owner	Rehomed	Euthanised
December 2023	29	11	1	17
January 2024	49	18	3	28
February 2024	43	14	1	28
March 2024	19	9	0	10
April 2024	33	14	1	18
May 2024	38	15	3	20
Total	211	81	9	121

There were 5614 dogs registered in the Whakatāne District at May 2024.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that this response may be published on our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE