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Email: tina@cqr.co.nz

Good afternoon Tina,

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987: Information Request

Thank you for your email dated 09/08/19 requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. You requested dog pound correspondence between Masterton and Carterton District Council elected members and staff, costings of a joint dog pound and a Masterton District Council dog pound, as well as the number of dogs euthanised in the last two years.

Refer to Attachment 1 for a schedule of the most recent dog pound correspondence between Masterton and Carterton District Council staff and accompanying emails. We have no correspondence from Elected Members.

In the 2018-28 Long-Term Plan, one of our 10-year priorities in the regulatory services area includes upgrading the pound facility to better meet the needs of this service. Funding of \$612,600 was budgeted for Year 2. This work has been carried forward in the 2019-20 Annual Plan, with only initial scoping work for a new pound facility planned in this financial year, with a provision of \$100k set aside for this work. This scoping work will support the development of more detailed costings for this project going forward.

Carterton and South Wairarapa District Council's have also included a pound upgrade as part of their 2018-28 Long-Term Plans. Carterton District Council subsequently confirmed in their 2019-20 Annual Plan that they will continue to explore the option of a shared pound with South Wairarapa District Council, and that following previous discussions, it has been agreed that a shared pound facility for all three Councils is not a viable option.

We can confirm that sixty-four dogs have been euthanised within the Masterton District in the last two years (30 in 2017-18 and 34 in 2018-19). This information can also be found in a section 10A report on our website <https://mstn.govt.nz/services/animal-control/>. Under section 10 A of the Dog Control Act 1996, all Councils are required to report annually to the Department of Internal Affairs on specified dog control activities.

We trust this information satisfies your request; however you have a right to seek a review, under section 27 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, regarding the information provided.

In accordance with Masterton District Councils (MDC) Local Body Elections 2019 Staff Protocol, MDC considers the information you have requested will have a broader interest and will therefore be making this information available to all other candidates via Council's website.



Kind regards

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