

Masterton District Council - Response to LGOIMA request of Paw Justice Charitable Trust

Masterton District Council submits information to the National Dog Database which is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). The information being sought for a number of the questions can be found via reports from that database (via DIA).

1. How many dogs have been registered (including multiple owner registrations).

DIA Report

2. How many applications have been made for a responsible dog owner licence.

There are 73 owners with 102 dogs that hold RDO, 2018/19 is the first year of RDO permits.

3. The total revenue which has been collected from dog registration and/or responsible owner licences.

See table below

4. The number of fines and infringement notices issued to owners.

DIA Report & see below

5. The total dollar value for the fines and infringement notices issued.

See table below

6. The amount actually collected from owners in relation to fines and infringement notices.

See table below

7. The total number of dogs that have been re-homed.

DIA Report

8. The total number of dogs that have been brought into Council control and destroyed/ euthanised.

DIA Report

9. The total spend by Council from dog registrations on systems and processes necessary to on run dog control.

Not enough definition of what 'systems & processes' are to answer this question

10. Any documents (including meeting minutes and communications) showing how decisions are made with respect to how dog registration fees are allocated and spent.

Please see documents in email attachment

11. The total amount spent in each of the specified years on animal management/control.

See table below

12. If there is surplus funds from revenue collected from dog registrations, where that money is accounted for in the financial accounts, and how much in each of the financial years set out above.

See table below, noting that dog resitration fee income does not cover the costs of the activity, so no surplus arises.

	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q11	Q12
			Value of	Amount	Total	
	Dog fee income	No.	Infringements &	collected from	Expenditure -	
	(incl penalties)	Fines	Fines issued	Infringements	Animal	Deficit/Rates
				& Fines*	Control**	Required
2013/14	\$ 281,548	2	\$ 400	\$ 8,726	\$ 341,733	-\$ 45,557
2014/15	\$ 302,917	2	\$ 400	\$ 6,116	\$ 343,610	-\$ 23,588
2015/16	\$ 303,012	6	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,726	\$ 380,393	-\$ 57,744
2016/17	\$ 304,975	5	\$ 1,120	\$ 1,301	\$ 386,545	-\$ 52,133
2017/18	\$ 325,209	91	\$ 28,310	\$ 8,283	\$ 384,813	-\$ 27,856

All figures above are GST exclusive.

* Amount collected includes prior year fines lodged with the court.

** Total Expenditure includes costs of operating the Council's animal pound.