



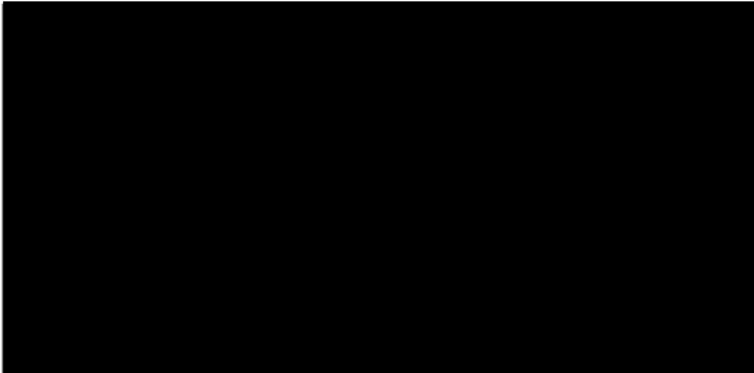
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR DOG ATTACKS PAST 3 YEARS

I refer to your request of 09 December 2024 for the following information:

"The statistics for the number of dog attacks reported to the Nelson City Council Dog Control for the last 3 years and how many of these have been prosecuted.

The statistics for the number of reported dog attacks to the Nelson City Council Dog Control for the last three years that has resulted in the death of another dog and how many of these were prosecuted.

I also request a copy of the documented process used in the decision making process to determine whether to prosecute dog owners of reported dog attacks including any specific clauses in legislation referred to e.g the Solicitor General's prosecution guidelines, The Dog Control Act etc. If there is no documented process who makes the final decision of whether to prosecute."

The information you requested is provided below:

- Total reported dog attacks: 215 - Attacks on humans: 70
- Attacks on animals: 145
- Number of dog attacks that resulted in the death of another dog: 0
- Number of prosecutions: 0

Attached below is the enforcement recommendation matrix used by an animal control officer when recommending a prosecution. This recommendation is sent to the Team Leader of Regulatory Compliance, then to the Manager of Regulatory Services, and finally to the Group Manager of Environmental Management.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ryno Botha, ryno.botha@ncc.govt.nz or on 03 546 0235.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Joubert', with a stylized, cursive script.

Michelle Joubert
Acting Group Manager Environmental Management

Date:

Memo To: Team Leader Regulatory Compliance

Memo From:

Subject: ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATION

SR NUMBER:

Date & time of offence:

Location of offence:

Name of suspect offender:

- 1. Description of the events leading to the offence**
- 2. Actions taken to date**
- 3. Advice taken**
- 4. Previous history**
- 5. Summary of facts**
- 6. Recommendation**
- 7. Reasons for recommendation**
- 8. Applicable legislation**

Signed:

9. Attachments

10. Team Leader, Regulatory Compliance

Recommendation supported / altered as follows:

Signed:

Date:

11. Manager, Regulatory Services

[comments]

Signed:

Date:

12. Group Manager, Environmental Management

[comments]

Signed:

Date: