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I refer to your official information request dated 20 December 2024 date for information related to cat management. .

The information you have requested is outlined below.

1. *How long has your Council had either a Cat Management bylaw or included Cat Management in their Animal Management bylaw?*
 - Tararua District Council adopted its Keeping of Animals Bylaw on 25 September 2024. This bylaw includes cat management.

2. *How many complaints about cats has your Council received under your Cat/Animal Management bylaw per year for each year they have had a bylaw?*
 - The Tararua District Council has received 11 complaints regarding cats under this Bylaw.

3. *What have been the outcomes of the complaints received so far?*
 - Advice, cat deterrent recipes, SPCA, Rehoming, 1 euthanised due to sickness, 1 trapped by property owner.

4. *How are the Council managing complaints about cats in breach of the bylaw?*
 - Advice, on case by case basis.
 - a. *What are the cat management processes and potential outcomes?*
 - Refer to our Keeping of Animals Bylaw, available to view on our website: https://www.tararua.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/172374/Keeping-of-Animals-Bylaw-2024-adopted-25-September-2024.pdf
 - b. *How are the Council planning to manage cats that may have to be seized?*
 - Rehome or euthanise.

5. *Have the Council had to employ extra animal control staff with the addition of cat management to your bylaws?*
 - No

6. *How many prosecutions have been taken against cat owners?*
 - None

7. *How many prosecutions do the Council envisage they will undertake in the next 12month? Five years?*
 - Unknown.

8. *Are the Council keeping a cat register? If not, how are they tracking cat registrations, microchipping and desexing?*
 - No, we are not keeping this information.

9. *Is the Companion Animal Register sharing information with the Council about cats registered in the area?*
 - No. When a cat is scanned, we contact Companion Register and they contact the owner.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification.

Ngā mihi



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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 8:40 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: re LGOIMA request Cat Management

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding cat management. We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 11 February 2025, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 20 December 2024 4:02 pm

To: Info - Tararua District Council <Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ>

Subject: LGOIMA request Cat Management

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Hi,

I am making a request under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act. As part of reviewing our Dog Control and Animal Nuisance bylaws, I have been asked to put together some data on how cat management is working in the territorial authorities that have specific cat bylaws or have set some rules around microchipping, registration or desexing in their animal management bylaws.

Could you please supply the information requested in the questions below in relation to cat management.

1. How long has your Council had either a Cat Management bylaw or included Cat Management in their Animal Management bylaw?
2. How many complaints about cats has your Council received under your Cat/Animal Management bylaw per year for each year they have had a bylaw?
3. What have been the outcomes of the complaints received so far?
4. How are the Council managing complaints about cats in breach of the bylaw?
 - a. What are the cat management processes and potential outcomes?
 - b. How are the Council planning to manage cats that may have to be seized?
5. Have the Council had to employ extra animal control staff with the addition of cat management to your bylaws?
6. How many prosecutions have been taken against cat owners?
7. How many prosecutions do the Council envisage they will undertake in the next 12month? Five years?
8. Are the Council keeping a cat register? If not, how are they tracking cat registrations, microchipping and desexing?
9. Is the Companion Animal Register sharing information with the Council about cats registered in the area?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards



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