

13 April 2026



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Official information Request: Dog impounding's

I am writing to you in response to your request received 8 April for the following information:

*Can I have a breakdown of dog impoundings from 1st July 2024 to June end 2025 **OR** 1st April 2025 to March end 2026. The breakdown needs to include: Working dogs, Non working dogs, rural domiciled and non working dogs, urban domiciled. Also whether impounded dogs are registered or unregistered.*

And

"Is the SWDC doing a submission on potential changes to the Dog Control Act (1996)? The mandatory micro chipping of all but working dogs has blatantly failed to address dog control issues nationwide despite the promises from then Minister of Local Govt (Chris Carter 2003)."

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). I have received information to provide the following response:

There was a total of twenty-one dogs impounded during the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. Of these, twelve dogs were registered and nine were unregistered. Sixteen dogs were urban-domiciled, while five dogs were rural-domiciled. Of the rural dogs, one was identified as a working dog and four were non-working dogs.

At this stage no confirmation can be provided whether South Wairarapa District Council will be making a submission on any proposed changes to the Dog Control Act 1996. Any Council submission would require consideration and approval by the Mayor and Council. Legislative submissions are also open to the public, and individuals may wish to make their own submissions or discuss matters with their local elected members.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. If this request is selected it will be published at <https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/>, with your personal information removed.

You have a right to request a review by the Ombudsman on this response. Further information about this process can be found on <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint> or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Nāku noa, nā

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