

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official information request for Dog Control Statistics Ref: OIA 014/21  
**Date:** Wednesday, 7 April 2021 3:31:00 pm  
**Attachments:** [image006.png](#)  
[LGOIMA request OIA 014 21.xlsx](#)  
[image003.png](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 22 March 2021 for information re Dog Control Statistics

The information you have requested is attached and total infringement information as below:-

Year	Infringements
2003	18
2004	48
2005	13
2006	43
2007	23
2008	17
2009	26
2010	22
2011	45
2012	36
2013	14
2014	25
2015	9
2016	26
2017	42
2018	42
2019	12
2020	7
2021	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to [lgoima@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

Kind regards

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Row Labels	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Reported attacks (animals (A) and humans (H))													A 20 H 3	A 21 H 11	A 21 H 5	A 12 H 7	A 19 H 5	A 9 H 2	A 11 H 6	A 21 H 4	A 20 H 8	A 9 H 8	A 13 H 2
Dog Control Act prosecutions						18	48	13	43	23	17	26	22	45	36	14	25	9	26	42	42	12	7
Dog Control Act prosecutions under s 57													-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dog destruction orders							-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**How does your Council Animal Control function decide whether a dog's owner should be prosecuted under s 57 of the Dog Control Act?**

Delegated to Manager Regulatory services and the Snr Dog Control Officer.

We do not have in house Counsel so if representation was needed it would come from an external law firm.

**Does your Council conduct its Dog Control Act prosecutions using external, or in-house counsel?**

**From:** [BDC Customer Services](#)  
**To:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**Subject:** FW: LGOIMA request - Dog Control Act statistics  
**Date:** Monday, 22 March 2021 8:44:07 am  
**Attachments:** [Revised LGOIMA request.xlsx](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 21 March 2021 4:51 PM  
**To:** BDC\_Info <info@bdc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** LGOIMA request - Dog Control Act statistics

Kia ora

I'm emailing to make a Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act request. I'm hoping you can provide a bit of data about dog attacks and prosecutions under the Dog Control Act.

Could you please provide the following information (broken down by year where possible):

- Since 1998, how many dog attacks (against animals or humans) have been reported to the Council?
- How many of the reported dog attacks have resulted in a prosecution against the dog's owner under s 57(1) of the Dog Control Act?
- How many of those prosecutions have resulted in convictions under s 57(1)?
- How many of the prosecutions resulted in dog destruction orders under s 57(3) of the Dog Control Act?
- How does your Council Animal Control function decide whether a dog's owner should be prosecuted under s 57 of the Dog Control Act?
- When conducting Dog Control Act prosecutions, does your Council use in-house legal counsel, or employ external counsel?

I've prepared a spreadsheet (attached) which you can use to enter the requested data. The cells highlighted in green are the one's I'd like you to fill out.

If you're after any clarification, or if there's anything you want to discuss, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me at [REDACTED]

Ngā mihi nui

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