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Request from: Private Individual

Information requested: Assist/Service dog attacks and/or refusal statistics

Response by: Acting Chief Executive, Scott Baxendale

09 October 2024

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for Assist/Service dog attacks and/or refusals statistics

I refer to your official information request dated 08 October 2024 for Assist/Service dog attacks and/or refusal statistics.

You have asked for statistics for any Assist/Service dog that has been rushed or attacked or been refused in shops/malls, public transport etc for the past 10 years.

I can confirm that we have no records of any instances involving any assist/service dogs.

Our current dog control bylaw is available on the council website here: https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Dog%20Control%20Bylaw%201997.pdf

This is due for the next review by July 2028.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

Scott Baxendale | Acting Chief Executive

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