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15 July 2026

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **21 June 2026** requesting the following information:

- 1. *(but are not limited to) Requesting information for forecast of total revenue in dog registration fees for 2025-2026.***

Final 25/26 dog registration revenue received was \$811,514.

- 2. *Requesting information on how these dog registration fees are forecast to be spent within KCDC and any surplus.***

Dog registration fees go part way to offset the dog control activities that Council are required to carry out. These include but are not limited to:

- Staff Salaries (for 7 FTE) - including Superannuation, ACC Levies etc. Staff are on a 24/7 roster
- Transport, Training and Protective Equipment
- Expenses related to the Animal Shelter (food and vet bills for animals)
- National Dog Database Levy
- Running costs for team (phones; eftpos facility; postage costs)
- General Admin and depreciation costs

There is no surplus. The revenue is set to meet our Revenue and Financing Policy which states that the team will be funded from activity revenue in a range of between 55-65% with rates funding between 45-35%

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

The fees go towards the cost of animal management services and administration of the Dog Control Act 1996. Some of the services your registration fee covers are:

- 24/7 animal management response to urgent dog control complaints
- Investigations into:
 - Dogs barking
 - Wandering or lost dogs
 - Threatening dogs
 - Dog attacks
 - Unregistered dogs
- Promoting the welfare, care, and control of dogs
- Providing guidance and education on the expectations of being a good dog owner
- Monitoring and enforcing the Council Dog Control Bylaw 2019 and the Dog Control Act 1996.

3. *Summary of decisions to increase the dog registration fees and reasoning behind this.*

The reasoning behind the decision is summarised in the Draft SLT memo – dog fees. The decision to progress the dog registration fees increase was included in the SLT Fees and Charges Memo, (both attached). The decision from Council was included as part of the Annual Plan 2026-27 schedule of Fees and Charges for adoption made on 11 June 2026 available on [our website](#)¹.

Ngā mihi,



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¹ <https://kapiticoast.resolve.red/web/Player.aspx?id=348&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>