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

Thank you for your email of **25 September 2023** requesting the following information:

- 1. Could you please let me know, what concrete measures KDC has in place to ensure something like this cannot happen?***

Where possible, if a dog is picked up from a home address our Animal Management Officer will firstly attempt to identify the dog through its microchip number or registration tag, if present, and then attempt to contact the owner.

If the owner is not able to be reached, the Officer will complete an “Impounding and subsequent disposal of dog form” (pursuant to section 69 of the Dog Control Act 1996) and leave this at the property of the registered owner of the dog. The dog is then transported back to the animal shelter and will be kept in the Council’s care for at least seven days, during which time the Animal Management Officer will attempt to contact the owner.

All dogs are clearly identified, as best as possible, in our animal shelter with photographs and all relevant information relating to the dog displayed on its enclosure. If no contact has been made with the owner within seven days of impounding, we will attempt to rehome the dog through other agencies. If unsuccessful, pursuant to section 69(3), Council may “sell, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the dog in such a manner as it thinks fit”.

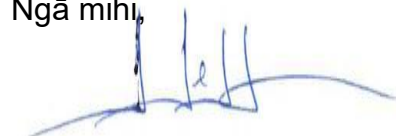
Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

2. I would also like to request information on the method used by KDC for dog euthanasia - are bolt guns used? If so, are there any plans to review this?

If a dog is unable to be reunited with their owner or rehomed, Kāpiti Coast District Council employs the services of a vet to sedate then euthanise the dog, as a last resort. Bolt guns are never used.

We trust this is of assistance. If you require any further information, please contact our Acting Environmental Standards Manager, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

Ngā mihi,



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