



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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Derry Cittie & Stràbane
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Ref: FOI / 1337

02 August 2017

Causeway Coast Dog Rescue
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Email: info@causewaycoastdogrescue.org

Dear Causeway Dog Rescue

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Causeway Coast Dog Rescue

I refer to your FOI request as above and respond as follows:

Please find attached quarterly reports sent to the DEARA (formerly known as DARD). In addition to this Council has also decided to provide you with an annual statistical report produced by DEARA. Please note that the DEARA statistical report is based on a calendar year and not a financial year – they do however allow you to easily benchmark figures for all councils which we hold on record.

It should be noted that these questions could not be supplied in an earlier freedom of information request as they only applied to a “contracted dog pound”. Council operates its own dog shelter and the former Derry City Council also used this shelter.

Locations: Your Legacy Councils and Current Council

Dates: 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015

1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016

1st April 2016 to 30th November 2016



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1. Confirm how many dogs each Council held in 'Council's resource' during each of the above dates?
Answer – See attached DEARA/DARD quarterly returns
2. Confirm how many dogs in 'Council's resource' were reclaimed by their owners?
Answer – See attached DEARA/DARD quarterly returns
3. Confirm how many dogs in 'Council's resource' were claimed/withdrawn by charitable rescue centres?
Answer – See attached DEARA/DARD quarterly returns
4. You have answered question 4 regarding numbers euthanized during the above dates. However, you have not clarified which numbers relate to which council within those dates provided and one of your dates is incorrect. Please clarify.
Answer – See attached DEARA/DARD quarterly returns

9. Can you please confirm the following as I cannot find this in your responses. Confirm how many fines your dog wardens from each of the Councils during the above dates, presented to owners of dogs not microchipped?
Answer – None as it not a direct offence to not microchip a dog. However it is not possible to licence your dog without a valid microchip number and therefore this would constitute a licensing offence (NB. Dogs exempted from microchipping can be licenced).

With the following questions 11-13, your staff asked for clarification – Please note in red.

11. Confirm how many allegations of cruelty were investigated by your council. – **Did Derry City Council and or Strabane Council, ever receive allegations regarding cruelty in their areas, within the above dates? If so, how many did they receive? And how many did each Council then investigate?**

Answer – Animal Welfare responds to such complaints on behalf of Derry City and Strabane District Council and previously for former Derry City Council and Strabane District Council.

1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014	1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015	1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016	1st April 2016 to 30th Nov 2016
253 (In 2 Council areas; Derry -180; and Strabane -73 [Legacy])	234 (In 2 Councils Derry - 167; and Strabane -67 [Legacy])	606 *This Figure is for the entire Western Area after RPA	400 *This Figure is for the entire Western Area after RPA

12. How many of these were then prosecuted? **Did Derry City Council and/or Strabane Council ever take forward prosecutions regarding cruelty to dogs during any of the above dates?**

1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014	1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015	1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016	1st April 2016 to 30th November 2016
0	0	2	1
		<u>CASE 1:</u> a) 26/11/2015 b) File prepared for prosecution c) Prosecution, Ban d) Pleased Guilty; £750 Fine and £169 Costs <u>CASE 2:</u> a) 06/08/2015 b) File prepared for prosecution c) Prosecution, Ban d) Undergoing appeal	<u>CASE :</u> a) 06/05/2016 b) File prepared for prosecution c) In process d) Ongoing Legal Case

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes. Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
 Chief Executive
 Derry City and Strabane District Council
 98 Strand Road
 Derry BT48 7NN Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
 Wycliffe House
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 CHESHIRE SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Head of Health & Community Wellbeing