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**From:** Michelle van Straalen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 February 2020 09:27  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** LGOIMA 20003 - Dog attack complaints and successful prosecutions  
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Kia ora

Further to your information request of 13 January 2020, in respect of dog registrations and successful prosecutions, I am now able to provide Hamilton City Council's response.

### You requested:

- *An annual breakdown of the number of dog attack complaints laid with the council between 2009-2019.*
- *The number of complaints that end in the successful prosecution and the details of those sentences ie. jail time, amounts fined and dogs put down.*

### Our response:

The information you requested is **attached**.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries regarding your request.

Kind regards,

**Michelle van Straalen**

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**From:** Michelle van Straalen

**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 January 2020 8:59 AM

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**Subject:** LGOIMA 20003 - Dog registrations and successful prosecutions

Kia ora

I write to acknowledge your information request of 13 January 2020 in respect of dog attack complaints and successful prosecutions.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information or not “as soon as reasonably practicable”, no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than 12 February 2020.

Kind regards,

**Michelle van Straalen**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 13 January 2020 11:36 AM

**To:** Natalie Palmer <[Natalie.Palmer@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:Natalie.Palmer@hcc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** OIA Request - Hamilton City Council

Good morning Natalie,

May I please make a request under the Official Information Act. Can you please send me:

- An annual breakdown of the number of dog attack complaints laid with the council between 2009-2019.
- The number of complaints that end in successful prosecution and the details of those sentences ie. jail time, amounts fined and dogs put down.

I ask that anything within the spirit of this request that is not mentioned be included in the response.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Shannon

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Thank you.

<b>Date of attack</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Overview</b>	<b>Section of Dog Control Act 1996 prosecuted under</b>	<b>Prosecution outcome</b>
11/05/2014	Dog V Dog	Farnborough Dr, Nawton	Two dogs attacked a dog being walked by its owner. Dog being walked was on a lead. One dog was positively identified, and the two owners prosecuted. The other dog left the area and was never located.	S57 – Dogs attacking persons or animals.	Fines and reparation of less than \$1000 to the two dog owners.  Court ordered destruction of the dog.
19/10/2017 & 01/01/2018	Dog V Person	Campbell St, Frankton Clyde St, Hamilton East	Two separate attacks by the same dog. First attack not reported until January 2018. Both attacks resulted in significant injury to the victims. Both attacks tried at the same time.	S58 – Dogs causing serious injury.	16 months imprisonment (appeal period due to expire by 30/01/2020).  Dog was signed over for euthanasia five days after second attack by the owner.
09/03/2018	Dog v Person	Boundary Rd, Whitiora	Two dogs attacked the dog owner's landlord as he approached the house. The victim suffered significant injuries. The dog owner faced two charges under the Dog Control Act 1996 as they owned both the attacking dogs.	S58 – Dogs causing serious injury.	Six months community detention, 100 hours community service and \$2000 reparation to the victim.  Both dogs were signed over for euthanasia by the owner following the attack.
16/06/2018	Dog v Person	Forth Cres, Glenview	Dangerous classified dog attacked visitor to the property resulting in significant injury to the victim.	S58 – Dogs causing serious injury.	12 months home detention, 200 hours community service and \$5000 costs to Hamilton City Council for care of dog and associated expenses. Home detention was commuted to 8 months on appeal, but other outcomes remained the same.

The average prosecution can take up to 12 months to complete. The 2014 attack was heard in mid-2015, while the three prosecutions from 2018 were all completed in 2019.