



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

OIA 18-E-0602 - 5591590

5 October 2018

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 16 September 2018. You requested the following:

On 16 December 2016, Mr Andrew Blanshard, Acting Operations Manager, Pewhairangi - Bay of Islands Department of Conservation, submitted to the Far North District Council's consultation process on the dog control bylaw and policy.

In this document, it was stated that "Kiwi have been killed by dogs being walked on public roads when the dog finds a bird close to the roadside" (P4).

Would you please provide the supporting evidence for this statement.

In response to your request, we have extracted relevant data from our "Kiwi Death" database which collates information related to kiwi deaths in the Bay of Islands area, shown in a table on page 2 of this letter. The examples we have presented involve dogs attacking kiwi close to the roadside and provide the evidence you request to support Andrew's statement. Personal details including names and addresses have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of the people involved.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Shana Harding
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OIA 18-E-0602 Extract from Kiwi Death databases Dog kills adjacent to/on roads

Date	Locality and Grid Ref	Observer Name and Address	Bill length	Weight	Sex/Age	Cause of death	Code: 1=car; 2=dog, 3=other	Details
13/03/2005	Whitehills Forest Matauri Bay turnoff	[REDACTED]	unknown	unknown	unknown	Dog attack; dogs not on leash-getting possums & killed kiwi in same hole as possum	2	[REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] who brought bird in; walk dog on leash, tie up dog
4/07/2009	Omapere Road Kaikohe Area adjacent to Kaikohe SR	[REDACTED] Omapere Road Kaikohe no last name dealt with by [REDACTED]				Dog [REDACTED]	2	Bird killed by dog down hole (had to drag dog out, egg in hole was recovered).
23/05/2011	Signals Rd- Okaihau Aratoro Conservation Area	[REDACTED]	131.4	2600g	Female	Dog attack	2	Killed in [REDACTED] on side of roadway in Aratoro Conservation Area. [REDACTED] was walking along road with dogs starting a hunt. Possibly the main dog involved in attack rushed 2 - 3 m into scrub m beside roadway.
22/07/2015	Dogs on Mokau Road Puketi Conservation Area	[REDACTED]	98.95	1700	Adult	Dogs	2	Pack of kiwi aversion trained dogs, finished hunting walking along road. Bird grabbed by dog/dogs on roadside.