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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 2 March 2026, in which you asked for:

‘Could you please provide NZPI a copy of all the Kororā/Little Penguin dog attack compliance records that DOC has on file? If we could have all the records you have available, and for all of NZ please.’

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

On 30 March 2026 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 16 April 2026 due to the large quantity of information sought.

On 31 March 2026 you clarified (or refined) your request to:

a copy of all records within DOC’s National Compliance Database relating to dog attacks on Kororā from 1 November 2024 to 27 March 2026.

As you will be aware, DOC strongly encourages members of the public to report illegal and suspicious activity by calling our emergency hotline (0800 DOCHOT) or contacting their local DOC office. Our emergency hotline receives thousands of calls annually, which are triaged and, where appropriate, recorded in our compliance database for further investigation.

If sufficient evidence of offending is established, DOC staff then consider the circumstances of each incident to formulate a suitable response. This case-by-case approach ensures DOC staff take appropriate enforcement action, based not only on the seriousness of offending but on all factors surrounding the offence.

In response to your request, the information in scope is provided in the document schedule below.

Document Schedule

Document description	Decision
Table of compliance records relating to dog attacks on kororā (little penguins), including records where penguin species is unidentified, extracted from DOC's National Compliance Database (1 November 2024 to 27 March 2026)	Released in full

In the attached, I have also included records for incidents in which the type of penguin has not been identified, for completeness. We have not included information contained within the compliance database that could identify individuals involved in reporting incidents.

If you would like to discuss this response, please contact our OIA team at oiateam@doc.govt.nz. If you wish to request additional information relating to any record within the attached table, please submit a new request to OIA@doc.govt.nz.

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.

Please note this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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