

File ref: IRC-4037



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Wellington's 10 most popular dog breeds and names

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 26 October 2022. You requested the following information:

- How many dogs are currently registered with Wellington City Council?
- Can you please provide a full list (preferably in searchable Excel format) of the dog's registered with Wellington City Council, including details of their breed, suburb registered in, age and name given to the dog?

Wellington City Council has partly granted your request for information.

In responding to your request for information, consideration has been made to [Section 35 of The Dog Control Act 1996](#), whereby the territorial authority shall not disclose information that identifies, or will assist any person to identify, the name and address of the registered owner of any specified dog; or the address at which any specified dog is ordinarily kept. With this in mind, we are unable to provide you with a full and detailed list as you have requested, as this information may assist in identifying the address of a registered owner of a dog or where a registered dog may be kept.

However, I can confirm as of 31 October 2022, the Council has 13,970 dogs registered.

On investigation, the data we hold regarding the location of registered dogs is not able to be separated out by suburb, we have assessed your request and as it stands this would take considerable time for officers to manually search and collate the information from the 13,970 dogs registered with the Council. Without refining your request, the Council would either consider refusing your request under section 17(f) of the act due to substantial manual collation or research or we may consider charging for the request.

Whilst we are unable to provide you with a list detailing the suburbs of registered dogs in Wellington, I understand you are requesting this information on registered dogs to also extract the 10 most popular dog breeds and dog names.

Below are two lists detailing the top 10 registered breeds of dogs and the top 10 most popular dog names (as of 31 October 2022):

Top 10 Most Popular Registered Dog Names	Top 10 Most Popular Registered Dog Breeds
Charlie	Labrador Retriever
Bella	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Poppy	Border Collie

Coco/Cocoa	Mini Schnauzer
Molly	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Max	Shih Tzue
Ruby	Jack Russell Terrier
Archie	Bichon Frise
Millie/Milly	Fox Terrier
Daisy	Huntaway

The names listed above are certainly popular (and adorable) names for dogs, however we thought you might also be interested in a list of the more unusual names of dogs currently registered with the Council, (my personal favourite being Sir Tobias Wigglebottom). Please find this list below:

Interesting Dog Names
Margaret Wigglesworth
Pinot Noir
Chaise Destroyer of Worlds
Chu Chu Burgers
Koba Catdog
Lily Putiputi
Eaglesham Isabel Pistol Packer
Brucey the Batdog
Pablo Escobark
Warrengate Whatarippa
Pergrin Guardian of the Citadel
Vindication Cinnamon Starr
Kuri Ahu One
Obie Jupiter McWoofington
Sir Tobias Wigglebottom
Colin Ladykiller
Miss Dolly Pawton

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Ollie Marchant
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