



Dear

**Freedom of information request**

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the FOI Act) received on 22 August 2014 in which you sought access to the number of infringements issued under the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* for keeping sexually entire domestic animals without the appropriate licence or permits for financial years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

I am an officer authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in relation to your request.

**Decision**

No documents exist which provides the information you require. However, under section 16(1) of the FOI Act it is appropriate to respond to your request by retrieving, where possible, the information you require from the Domestic Animal Services database. A search of the database has identified the following statistics:

**Keeping a dog not de-sexed without a permit**

Year	Number of infringements issued
2011-12	9
2012-13	8
2013-14	12

**Keeping a cat not de-sexed without a permit**

Year	Number of infringements issued
2013-14	1

**Fees and charges**

Freedom of information requests attract fees and charges for time spent searching and retrieving documents, decision-making time and photocopying. In relation to your request, no fees are payable as I am not releasing any documents.

**Right of review**

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you have the right to seek an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review you should write to:

The Director-General  
Territory and Municipal Services Directorate  
C/- Freedom of Information Officer  
GPO Box 158  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You have 28 days from the date of the decision letter to seek a review of the outcome or such other period as the Director-General permits.

**ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal**

If you are still dissatisfied after the directorate has conducted an internal review, you can seek an independent review of the decision by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. You have 28 days from the date of the internal review decision to seek a review from the Tribunal.

To apply to the Tribunal for a review you can obtain an application form from the Tribunal ([www.acat.act.gov.au](http://www.acat.act.gov.au)). The postal address of the Tribunal is:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
GPO Box 370  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

**Ombudsman**

You also have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the processing of your request. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

**Further information**

If you have any questions in relation to your request please contact the Directorate's FOI Coordinator on 6205 5408 or [tamsfoi@act.gov.au](mailto:tamsfoi@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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