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<b>Request from:</b>	Private Individual
<b>Information requested:</b>	Westland District Council's Dog Rehoming Policy
<b>Response from:</b>	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

13 July 2020

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear

**Official information request for Westland District Council's dog re-homing policy.**

I refer to your official information request dated 09 July 2020 seeking information if Westland District Council re-homes dogs to institutes or individuals for the use of research testing or teaching purposes.

I can advise that Westland District Council has no record of supplying any dog for research or testing.

Westland District Council dog control has a Memorandum of Understanding with NZ SPCA, and works with Dog Watch and Bull Breed Rescue in Christchurch for re-homing unclaimed impounded dogs, where those cannot be re-homed locally.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Diane Maitland, Executive Assistant on [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive