

21 January 2026

Sent via email to [REDACTED]

Request for Official Information LG26-0011 – Breakdown of Animal Registration Data

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 13 January 2026 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

A breakdown of dogs registered in QLDC across the following categories:

1. Dog class
2. Most popular dog names
3. Most popular dog breeds
4. Animals by gender
5. Animals by area
6. Number of dogs by owner
7. Menacing dogs
8. Microchipped dogs

QLDC RESPONSE

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Regulatory Team.

Release of information

1. Dog class

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that 'Pet Dogs' are the most commonly registered class with 5,707 registrations. The full breakdown of registered dog classes is as follows:

Dog Classification	Registered Dogs
Pet dogs	5,707
Working Dogs	382
Guide/Companion/Hearing Ear Dogs	16
Menacing Dogs	11
Dangerous Dogs	3

2. Most popular dog names

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that 'Luna' is the most popular dog name with 68 registrations. The full breakdown of the most popular dog names is as follows:

Dog Name	Number of Registrations
Luna	68
Charlie	64
Frankie	62
Poppy	53
Bella	49
Ruby	47
Molly	41
Archie	39
Max	38
Bear	37

3. Most popular dog breeds

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that the Labrador Retriever is the most commonly registered breed with 963 registrations. The full breakdown of the most commonly registered breeds is as follows:

Dog Breed	Number of Registrations
Labrador Retriever	963
Border Collie	481
Golden Retriever	324
Huntaway	284
Jack Russell Terrier	234
English Springer Spaniel	219
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	216
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	179
Standard Poodle	171
Cocker Spaniel	163
German Shorthaired Pointer	135
Miniature Schnauzer	122
Heading	107
Border Terrier	105
Maltese	102
Smooth Collie	87
Bichon Frise	81
Australian Kelpie	70

4. Animals by gender

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that there are 3,199 registered male dogs and 2,920 registered female dogs within the district.

5. Animals by area

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that the distribution of registered animals across various areas in the district as follows:

Area	Registered Dogs
Albert Town	415
Arrow Junction	57
Arrowtown	426
Arthurs Point	153
Ben Lomond	24
Cardrona	59
Cecil Peak	12
Closeburn	26
Coronet Peak	6
Dalefield	83
Drift Bay	9
Fernhill	150
Frankton	202
Gibbston	54
Glendhu Bay	9
Glenorchy	71
Hāwea Flat	159
Hunter Valley	4
Jacks Point	454
John Creek	1
Kawarau Falls	38
Kelvin Heights	108
Kingston	90
Kinloch	14
Lake Hāwea	298
Lake Hayes	409
Lower Shotover	464
Luggate	114
Makarora	33
Millbrook	7
Mount Aspiring	8
Mount Creighton	58
Mount Nicholas	15
Queenstown	206
Queenstown Hill	15
Skippers	10
Speargrass Flat	87
Sunshine Bay	45
The Neck	1
Wānaka	1,218
Wye Creek	2

6. Number of dogs by owner

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that most dog owners within the district own a single dog, with 4,672 owners. The full breakdown of dog ownership per household is as follows:

Dogs per Owner	Number of Owners
1	4672
2	556
3	37
4	14
5	9
6	5
7	3
8	2
9	2
10	1
12	1
13	1

7. Menacing dogs

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that there are 11 dogs classified as menacing within the district.

8. Microchipped dogs

As at 13 January 2026, QLDC's registration data shows that there are 5,984 active microchipped dogs within the district that are not classified as guide or working dogs.

Right to review the above decision

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Rebecca.Pitts@qldc.govt.nz (Engagement and Communications Manager).

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

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