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Sent: Friday, 17 May 2019 14:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: Re LGOIMA 19116: Taitua Arboretum Staff
Attachments: Parks Open Spaces Operations SOP POS OPS-6 Feeding and Housing Chickens at Taitua.pdf

Kia ora,

Further to your information request of 12 May 2019 in respect of Taitua Arboretum Staff, I am now able to provide Hamilton City Council's response.

You requested:

What are the qualification(s), including level, and the organisation that set in place the level, of the staff member(s) responsible for ensuring animal welfare requirements are met for the poultry at Taitua Arboretum.

If the staff member(s) do not have relevant qualifications what training have they received to look after poultry. A copy of the training material would be appreciated for the purpose of peer review.

What records are kept about the poultry at Taitua Arboretum.

Our response:

Staff do not hold any formal qualifications in relation to care of animals. The staff follow a standard operating procedure (SOP), which was developed with advice from a veterinarian.

The Standard Operating Procedure for feeding and housing Chickens at Taitua Arboretum is attached.

There are no records completed in regards to the Poultry at Taitua Arboretum.

Kind regards,
Amy Viggers
On behalf of the Privacy Officer
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Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 9:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Info <info@ombudsman.parliament.nz>; official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re LGOIMA 19116: Taitua Arboretum Staff

Kia ora

I write to acknowledge your information request of 12 May 2019 in respect of Taitua Arboretum Staff.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information or not "as soon as reasonably practicable", no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than 12 May 2019.

Kind regards,
Amy Viggers
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Subject: OIA19-0209

Official Information Officer,

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What records are kept about the poultry at Taitua Arboretum.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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1. PURPOSE

The Taitua Arboretum Development Plan states that free range domestic chickens and other game birds will be permitted to enhance the rural character of the site.

This SOP is intended to provide clear guidelines on how the free range domestic chickens will be fed and housed at Taitua Arboretum.

2. SCOPE

These procedures apply to the management of free range domestic chickens at Taitua Arboretum

3. REFERENCES

Animal Welfare Act 1999

Animal Welfare (Layer Hens) Code of Welfare 2005.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

The Manager Taitua Arboretum will be responsible for ensuring compliance with this SOP.

5. PROCEDURE

This SOP details how the following numbers of free range chickens are managed in :-

- The carpark and surrounding area - no more than 15 chickens (Hens and Roosters).
- The lower part of the Arboretum including the cycleway - no more than 30 chickens (Hens and Roosters).

5.1 Housing

- There will be two housing sites available and new chicken houses will be located at each site to provide appropriate accommodation for the specified number of free range chickens that will be permitted at the Arboretum.
- One will be located adjacent by the implement shed near the carpark at Taitua road.
- The second will be on the eastern side of the hay barn in the middle of the arboretum.
- Both chicken houses will be built to a size large enough to accommodate for the number of chickens specified in this SOP and will meet the minimum Standard

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no7.(b) for birds 19 or more weeks old as stated in the Animal Welfare (Layer Hens) Code of Welfare 2005 being 10 birds / square metre maximum.

- The design of the chicken houses will meet the Minimum standard no.6-non cage systems as stated in the Animal Welfare (Layer Hens) Code of Welfare 2005

5.2 Food and Water

The chickens are regularly fed by members of the public who visit the Arboretum.

- So that they are not over-fed the chickens will receive a maximum of 125grams of food a day per bird in the form of a 50/50 mixture of whole maize and pelletized chicken food (country mile chook food) which will contain all the minerals, calcium, protein and vitamins needed to maintain good health and meet their physiological demands and avoid metabolic and nutritional disorders in accordance with minimum standard no.2 food and water/Animal Welfare (Layer Hens) Code of Welfare 2005.
- The food will be made available to the birds by staff distributing the food by scattering on the ground rather than having it available in hoppers.
- All chickens will have continuous access to palatable water at the housing sites. A water supply will be plumbed into the permanent water supply system at Taitua and drinking troughs will be installed that are in accordance with the minimum standard no.6 (A) Non-Caged Systems/ Animal Welfare (layer Hens) Code of Welfare 2005

6.0 RECORDS

No records are completed. Monitoring of the feeding, watering and housing facilities is performed by staff on site.

THIS SOP HAS BEEN PEER REVIEWED BY ANIMAL HEALTH DINSDALE