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Tēnā koe,

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 29 September 2024, in which you asked for:

***Almost every time I walk along the Waihi Beach to Orokawa Bay track (starting at the Waihi Beach north end) I see people walking their dogs along there (sometimes on leash, other times not). I walk the track many times per week. It clearly states at the beginning of the track that it is illegal to take a dog along the track.***

***Please advise:***

***In 2023, how many dog owners were (for taking their dog on the track):***

***- Warned***

***- Fined***

***In 2024, year to date, how many dog owners were (for taking their dog on the track):***

***- Warned***

***- Fined***

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

**1. *In 2023, how many dog owners were (for taking their dog on the track):***

***- Warned***

***- Fined***

No fines have been issued and no one has been formally warned on a track from Waihi Beach to Ōrokawa Bay over the past two years. If the public find a dog where a dog is not allowed, they can report to DOC by calling 0800DOCHOT.

**2. *In 2024, year to date, how many dog owners were (for taking their dog on the track)***

- **Warned**
- **Fined**

No fines have been issued and no one has been formally warned on a track from Waihi Beach to Ōrokawa Bay over the past two years. If the public find a dog where a dog is not allowed, they can report to DOC by calling 0800DOCHOT.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D Hayes".

David Hayes  
Regional Operations Director (acting), Eastern North Island  
Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*