

February 5, 2021

Mary Hilley  
[REDACTED]

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Hilley:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request received in my office on January 29, 2021 via electronic mail. As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for processing requests for public information for the College, pursuant to *the Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. In your e-mail, you requested the following records:

1. All policies relating to the disposition of dogs owned, held, or used for research or testing, after they are no longer being owned, held, or used for those purposes.
2. Records containing the number of dogs owned, held, or used by Parkland College for activities conducted pursuant to its USDA registration (certificate number 33-R-0100 or any preceding certificate number) that have been adopted out from September 1, 2015 to the date this request is processed. For the purposes of this category of records, "adopted out" shall mean transferred to an animal shelter, animal welfare organization, or individual in order to provide the animal the opportunity to live in a home as a pet after being owned, held, or used for research or testing. For your convenience, the HSUS will accept the number of dogs that meet these criteria in lieu of the records themselves.

Parkland College's Response:

The college has attached two documents that we believe to be fully responsive to your request:

1. The Parkland College Veterinary Technology Adoption Policy
2. Dog Adoption Data from September 1, 2015-February 3, 2021

As Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart  
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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