

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

February 15, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Natasha Rodriguez

RE: FOIA Appeal 2018-072

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 ("DC FOIA"), on the grounds that the Department of Health ("DOH") failed to respond to your request for records related to rabies reports and other diseases tested for in cats.

This Office contacted DOH on February 2, 2018, and notified the agency of your appeal. DOH responded on February 9, 2018.¹ In its response, DOH indicated that it did not respond to your request due to an administrative error. DOH advised us that it would continue to process your request and disclose responsive information as quickly as possible.

As a result, we remand this matter to DOH to complete its search, and to disclose to you any non-exempt records within 10 business days from the date of this decision. You may challenge DOH's subsequent response by separate appeal to this Office.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with DC FOIA.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Ed Rich, Senior Assistant General Counsel, DOH (via email)

¹ A copy of DOH's response is attached.