



Response Date:22/11/2024

2024/1001 - Spend on storing/kennelling dogs

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

How much did you spend on storing/kennelling dogs who are seized awaiting court decisions/further action in the following years?

- **2020**
- **2021**
- **2022**
- **2023**
- **2024 (so far)**

For each of these years, please give me the number of dogs/animals stored.

If your data is not divided by type of animal. Please can you give me the overall number and let me know it is not that of just dogs.

The information provided below is from the finance ledger system and outlines the cost to kennel dangerous dogs, including any vet bills, travel costs, grooming fees etc per financial year.

PLEASE NOTE – The costs will include all vets/transport fees and also include any non dangerous dogs we have had to kennel, or any cats in one figure. The costings are provided in financial years (so 1st of April to 31st March for each year, with the exception of 2024/25 which is the year to date position)

- 2024/25 financial year to date - £129,388.98
- 2023/24 financial year - £154,173.28
- 2022/23 financial year - £85,997.83
- 2021/22 financial year - £28,694.32
- 2020/21 financial year - £43,727.20

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested/any further breakdown (e.g. number of animals) would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

Please note: in relation to the number of dogs/animals stored we only hold data for 2023 and 2024 in relation to dogs that are either banned breeds or have been involved in Section 3 / Aggravated Section 3 offences.

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THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 13/11/2024