



Response Date:08/01/2024

2024/1163 - Number of dogs shot by an officer under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I'd like information relating to the number of times an officer has used a firearm (i.e. shot) against an out of control dog. I'd also be interested in how many times a Taser has been used, however, records relating to a firearm are of more importance.

I'd be grateful to receive the figures for the last ten years, if possible, beginning with the most recent year (2024) broken down by month. In addition I'd like to know the breed and any other details about the dog and whether a human or animal had been injured by said dog and whether the incident and use of weapon was in public or private place.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. The recording system we use does not have the facility to drill down into Firearms deployments with regard to shots against an out-of-control dog, this isn't information that system has the ability to record. We record animal destruction, but the type of animal is never disclosed on the system. Alternatively, a manual search of our Records Management System (RMS) of all dangerous dog occurrences to establish whether the animal ended up being shot, and the other detail requested would be needed. 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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 07/01/2025