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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:14/05/2024

2024/459 - Police dogs

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part of your request which removes 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.

How many police dogs do you have?

38 across the Alliance – 12 on the North Wales Police side.

What is the yearly expenditure for all your police dogs?

YEAR	TOTAL DOG COST	NWP SHARE	NWP %
2016/17	1,959,613	624,322	32.98
2017/18	1,907,875	629,217	32.98
2018/19	1,754,909	578,769	32.98
2019/20	2,001,827	660,202	32.98
2020/21	2,088,678	688,846	32.98
2021/22	2,162,211	713,097	32.98
2022/23	2,147,214	912,995	42.52
2023/24	2,264,114	962,701	42.52

Over the past 10 years (between January 2014 to January 2024), how many police dogs which have retired from your force have gone into a shelter? None

Over the past 10 years (between January 2014 to January 2024) how many police dogs which have retired from your force have been put up for adoption?

Over the past 10 years (between January 2014 to January 2024) how many police dogs which have retired from your force have been taken in by the handler which worked with them?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested 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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/05/2024