



Response Date:22/05/2024

2024/468 - XL Bully Type dogs

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

In response to the below requests please can you provide individual yearly data for each of the following years:

- April 2019 to April 2020
- April 2020 to April 2021
- April 2021 to April 2022
- April 2022 to April 2023
- April 2023 to April 2024

1. The number of reports received by the force of XL Bully Type dogs and reports of Banned Breeds.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested regarding the breed would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information for one year alone 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.

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.

2. Times your officers attended reports of XL bully type dogs and Banned Breeds.

Please see the answer to question one.

3. The number of times officers removed a dog from a premises under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and if the breed was recorded what breed officers recorded the dog as.

Breed of Dog	Year				
	Apr 19-Mar 20	Apr 20-Mar 21	Apr 21-Mar 22	Apr 22-Apr 23	Apr 23-Mar 24
Akita		1			1
American Bulldog	1	4	3		1
American Bulldog/Mastiff				1	
Amerian Bull Terrier				1	
American Mastiff		1			

American Pitbull				1	
American Pocket Bully			1	1	6
Beagle cross			1		
Belgain Malinois					1
Border Collie			2	2	3
British Bulldog				1	
Bulldog		2		1	1
Bullmastiff		1		4	1
Cane Corso		1		3	3
Caucasian Shepherd	1			1	1
Chihuahua				3	
Cockerpoo			1		
Cocker Spaniel				1	
Collie Cross	1			1	
Chow chow					1
Doberman				1	1
Dogo Argentino				1	
French Bulldog			3	1	6
German Shepherd		3	3	6	1
German Shepherd/Malinois cross				1	
Golden Retriever		1		1	
Greyhound		1			1
Labrador					1
Jack Russell Terrier	1			1	
Lurcher		2	2	1	2
Malinois					1
Malinois/Cross				1	
Mastif/Bulldog				1	
Newfoundland x Pyranese			1		
Old English Mastif					1
Patterdale Terrier				2	1
Pitbull		1	1		
Pitbull cross			1		
Pomeranian			1		
Rottweiler		1	1		1
Rottweiler x Belgium Shepherd			1		
Sharpai				1	2
Springer Spaniel				1	1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	3	4	7	7	4
Staffy cross		1	3	10	4
Suspect S1				1	1
Terrier		2		2	2
Tibetan Mastiff		1			
Unknown	12	4	5	11	41
Whippet				1	1
XL Bully				2	20

Yorkshire Terrier			1	1	
TOTAL	19	31	38	75	111

4. The number of interim exemption orders granted by the police for dogs suspected of being XL bully type.

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5. How many XL bully type dogs and banned breeds have been destroyed by the force?

	Apr 19- Mar 20	Apr 20- Mar 21	Apr 21- Mar 22	Apr 22- Apr 23	Apr 23- Mar 24
No. of banned breeds destroyed	0	0	0	1	12

6. Number of arrests made under the Dangerous Dogs Act and if available the breed of dog.

Fiscal year /Fiscal month	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	10	11	Fiscal year total
2019	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	8
2020	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
2022	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
2023	2	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	9

Please see the answer to question one regarding 'breed'.

7. Number of convictions under the Dangerous Dogs Act and if available the breed of dog.

North Wales Police do not hold conviction data and you may wish to re-direct this part of your enquiry to the Crown Prosecution Service:

[Freedom of Information | The Crown Prosecution Service \(cps.gov.uk\)](https://www.cps.gov.uk)

Additionally can you please provide monthly data from April 2023 to April 2024 for the following:

1. The number of dogs seized by the force under Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and the Animal Welfare Act 2006

	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	TOTAL
Dogs Seized	7	10	5	11	9	5	3	38	3	5	10	5	111

2. Number of arrests made under the Dangerous Dogs Act and if available the breed of dog.

Please see the answer to question 6 above.

3. Number of convictions under the Dangerous Dogs Act and if available the breed of dog.

NB: If this request for yearly data is going to be over the FOI cost limit then please provide yearly data for the following three years: April 2019-April 2020 / April 2022-April 2023 / April 2023-April 2024.

Please see the answer to question 7.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 17/05/2024