



Response Date:06/09/2024

2024/830 - XL Bully Dog attacks

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part 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;

- 1) Between 1st February - 31st July 2024, how many suspected XL Bully dog attacks did the force investigate?**
2) Of the number of XL Bully dog attacks the force investigated between 1st February - 31st July 2024, how many dogs did NOT have a valid exemption certificate?

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 well over 200 dangerous dog incidents 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.

- 3) How many suspected XL Bullies were seized by the force between 1st February - 31st July 2024? 18**
4) How many suspected XL Bullies were destroyed or put down between 1st February - 31st July 2024? 9

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 03/09/2024