



Response Date:08/10/2024

2024/920 – Dangerous Dogs Act

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I just wondered if you can please supply the following information:

- **Since October 2023, how much money has been spent by your police force on the Dangerous Dogs Act - if possible - broken down by:**
 - **How much money has been spent on kennelling seized dogs?**
 - **How much has been spent on Vet fees for seized dogs?**
 - **If relevant, any other costs incurred for seized dogs?**

Date range: from October 2023 until FOI received / most up to date information

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the breakdown 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.

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.

Total spend on kennelling of dangerous dogs and vet bills/transport from October 2023 (which would be from period 7 2023/24 on our finance system to date - £172,206.32

Note: This will include all vets/transport fees and also include any non dangerous dogs we have had to kennel, or any cats.

There may be additional incidental investigation costs for dangerous dogs but again this would be a manual search to try and identify any on the finance system.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 02/10/2024