



Response Date: 13/03/2025

2025/246 - Seized Dogs

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.

Q1) The number of dogs that have been seized under section three of the Dangerous Dogs Act by your police force in the following calendar years:

- a. 2019**
- b. 2020**
- c. 2021**
- d. 2022**
- e. 2023**
- f. 2024**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We have only kept recorded from the very end of 2023. To obtain the information prior to this would require manually reviewing each record on our force system to identify if any information is held. 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.

We have figures for 2024 - 27

Q2) Please can you provide a breakdown of the total number of dogs seized in Q1a-f by the breed or type of dog.

Pocket Bully - 4
XL Bully - 8
Labrador - 1
Staffy - 6
American Johnson Bulldog - 1
Sharpei - 1
Malinois - 1
Cain Corso - 1
Lurcher - 1
Collie - 1
Jack Russel - 1
Rottweiler - 1

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 07/03/2025