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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 19/03/2025

2025/316 - Highway Code Rule 57 Violations

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request the following information regarding violations of Highway Code Rule 57 (failure to properly restrain animals in a vehicle):

- 1. The total number of fines issued for breaches of Rule 57 over the last 3 years.**
- 2. The total revenue generated from these fines for each year.**
- 3. A breakdown of the types of animals involved in these violations.**

For clarity, I would appreciate it if the breakdown could include:

- The specific type of animal involved (e.g., dogs, cats, other pets).**
- The number of fines issued for each type of animal.**
- The revenue generated from fines related to each type of animal.**

Please provide this data separately for each year so that a year-on-year comparison can be made.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. Unfortunately, there is no specific offence code for failure to properly restrain animals in a vehicle. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system to check for a violation of Highway Code Rule 57. 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 18/03/2025