



Response Date:03/09/2025

2025/793 - Dogs Seized

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

The number of dogs seized by your police force from November 2023 to the most recent available date.

-Where available, present this information broken down by month, or confirm if such a breakdown is not held.

The number of dogs put down/euthanised/put to sleep by your police force over the same period under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

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.

2023

Total seized – 40

Breeds -

Pocket Bully - 5

XL Bully - 5

Staffordshire Bull Terrier - 10

Sharpei - 1

Cane Corso - 3

Lurcher - 3

Collie - 2

Rottweiler – 1

Pit Bull Terrier – 2

French Bulldog – 2

Terrier – 1

Shitzu – 1

Bull Mastiff – 1

Caucasian Shepard – 1

Akita – 1

Anatolian Shepard – 1

2024

Total seized – 78

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www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

Breeds -

Doberman – 1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier – 13
Terrier – 2
XL Bully – 40
Pocket Bully – 6
Mastiff – 2
Malinois – 1
Lurcher – 1
Pitbull Terrier – 3
American Johnson Bulldog – 1
Sharpei – 1
Cane Corso – 2
Shitzu – 1
Collie – 1
Cross Breed - 1
Jack Russel – 1
Rottweiler – 1

2025 (to date – 28/06) -
Total Seized - **41**

Breeds -

Pocket Bully – 2
German Shepard – 3
Collie – 1
Old English Bulldog – 1
XL Bully – 13
Bulldog Cross – 1
American Bulldog – 1
Collie Cross – 1
Pit Bull Terrier – 5
Rottweiler – 1
Chow Chow – 1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier – 2
Mastiff – 2
Turkish Kangal – 1
Jack Russel – 1
Fell Terrier - 1
Malinois – 1
Staffy / Lurcher – 1
Cane Corso – 1
Crossbreed? – 1

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. Unfortunately, North Wales Police no longer have access to the old database which was kept on the Cheshire Police system during the Alliance. Therefore, without a manual search of all occurrences we are unable to provide information on 'dogs put down/euthanised/put to sleep' or any further breakdown of the data provided. To obtain the information in the format 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.

You may also wish to re-direct your enquiry to Cheshire police who held the information during the alliance.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 28/08/2025