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2025/884 - Puppy Farming / Illegal Dog Breeding Trends

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and January–August 2025:

- 1. Number of criminal investigations into puppy farms or suspected illegal dog breeding.**
- 2. Number of arrests in connection with these investigations.**

Searched for Offences under S1(2) Dangerous Dogs Act and S13 Animal Welfare Act 2006:

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Dog-Puppy Summary KW	Summary	Arrest	Outcome
2021	111/13	Sell a fighting dog Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 recordable	Y	Illegal dog sales and killing of dogs.	N	Non Crime
2024	111/12	Breeding of fighting dogs Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 recordable	Y	Third party report that the subject is breeding XL bully dog where six puppies have been seen by the inf.	N	Non Crime
2024	111/12	Breeding of fighting dogs Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 recordable	Y	Inf reporting XL bully dog and pups at the location.	N	Non Crime

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