



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:05/01/2026

2026/002 - Dog abduction

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Dog abduction became a specific criminal offence under the Pet Abduction Act 2024.

1. For the period 1 September 2024 to 31 December 2025, please provide the number of dog abduction offences recorded per month by your force under the Pet Abduction Act 2024.

2. For each dog abduction offence recorded during this period, what outcome was recorded for the offence (for example, the relevant Home Office Outcome Code and description, or any force-specific outcome description used)?

(No personal data is requested.)

3. For dog abduction offences recorded between 1 September 2024 and 31 December 2025, please provide an aggregate breakdown showing how the following characteristics were recorded:

Breed (including "unknown" or equivalent categories)

Sex (including "unknown" or equivalent categories)

Age (including "unknown" or equivalent categories)

The Pet Abduction Act 2024 currently applies to England and Northern Ireland, not Wales.

Due to the differing terms used to record animal thefts, we would need to review all thefts to ensure we have captured all relevant occurrences. 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 05/01/2025

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