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POLICE

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2026/058 - Dogs seized, destroyed & kennelling data

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**For each calendar year from 2019 to 2025, please provide the following information.
If information is not held by calendar year, please supply figures by financial year instead.**

1. Dogs seized by police

**For the avoidance of doubt, please exclude stray dogs handled on behalf of local authorities.
Please include only dogs seized by the police in connection with criminal investigations,
public-safety incidents, or powers under the Dangerous Dogs Act.**

1a. The number of dogs seized by the force.

1b. If recorded in an extractable format, the number of dogs seized, broken down by the reason for seizure (e.g., Dangerous Dogs Act, owner arrested, welfare grounds, other policing powers).

If this is not recorded in a structured form, please instead state so".

1c. The number of dogs seized, split by suspected breed 1d. The number of seized dogs that were destroyed.

1e. . If recorded in an extractable format, the number of seized dogs that were destroyed split by suspected breed.

North Wales Police Dog Section was part of an alliance with Cheshire until mid 2024.

The below table shows the data for 2025 plus the dogs that were seized in 2024 that remained in kennels when the Alliance split.

We no longer have access to the records prior to this.

Breed	Seizure Reason	Seizure Date	Status	Disposal
American Bulldog	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	28/09/2024	Currently In Kennels	
Sharpei	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	28/09/2024	Currently In Kennels	
Pitbull Terrier	Suspected Section 1	07/11/2024	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	07/11/2024	Currently In Kennels	
American Bulldog	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	21/02/2025	Currently In Kennels	

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Rottweiler	Animal Welfare	10/03/2025	Currently In Kennels	
Chow Chow	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	19/04/2025	Currently In Kennels	
German Shepard	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	22/05/2025	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Prisoner Property	12/07/2025	Currently In Kennels	
Pocket Bully	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	25/08/2025	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	29/08/2025	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	29/08/2025	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	04/09/2025	Currently In Kennels	
GSD cross Collie	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	17/09/2025	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	19/09/2025	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	27/09/2025	Currently In Kennels	
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	09/10/2025	Currently In Kennels	
Pitbull	Suspected Section 1	04/11/2025	Currently In Kennels	
Pitbull	Suspected Section 1	24/02/2024	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	09/04/2024	Finalised	PTS
Labrador / Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cross	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	23/06/2024	Finalised	Returned to Owner
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	01/07/2024	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Section 1 - Breach	21/11/2024	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
XL Bully	Section 3 Offence (Basic)	31/08/2024	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	01/10/2024	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	19/11/2024	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	19/11/2024	Finalised	PTS
Pitbull Terrier	Suspected Section 1	30/01/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
Bulldog Cross	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	23/02/2025	Finalised	PTS
Collie Cross	Prisoner Property	23/02/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner

XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	23/02/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
Pitbull Terrier	Suspected Section 1	25/02/2025	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	18/03/2025	Finalised	PTS
Pitbull Terrier	Suspected Section 1	18/03/2025	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Section 1 - Breach	19/03/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
Pitbull	Suspected Section 1	19/03/2025	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	02/04/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - Not of Type
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	09/04/2025	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	09/04/2025	Finalised	
Pitbull	Suspected Section 1	12/04/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	19/11/2024	Finalised	PTS
Pitbull	Suspected Section 1	27/04/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
Malinois	Prisoner Property	05/05/2025	Finalised	Rehomed
Staffy	Prisoner Property	03/06/2025	Finalised	Rehomed
Jack Russel Pup	Prisoner Property	03/06/2025	Finalised	Rehomed
Staffy / Lurcher Cross	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	04/06/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
Cane Corso	Animal Welfare	19/06/2025	Finalised	Rehomed
Pitbull	Suspected Section 1	01/07/2025	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	08/07/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - CDO
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	16/07/2025	Finalised	PTS
Pocket Bully	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	31/07/2025	Finalised	PTS
Unknown	Prisoner Property	31/07/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner
XL BULLY	Suspected Section 1		Finalised	Not of Type - Not Seized
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	01/08/2025	Finalised	PTS
Cross breed	Prisoner Property	07/08/2025	Finalised	Rehomed
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	13/08/2025	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	13/08/2025	Finalised	PTS
Staffie cross	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	12/09/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner
XL Bully	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)		Finalised	Returned to Owner

Staffy	Prisoner Property	04/10/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner
XL Bully	Other	04/10/2025	Finalised	PTS
Standard Bully	Suspected Section 1	22/10/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - Not of Type
Small mixed breed	Sudden Death	30/10/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner
Collie	Prisoner Property	28/10/2025	Finalised	Transferred to other authority
German Shepherd	Prisoner Property	06/11/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner
Husky	Prisoner Property	06/11/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1		Finalised	PTS
Cockerpoo	Prisoner Property	12/12/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner
American mastiff cross	Prisoner Property	18/12/2025	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Suspected Section 1	12/12/2025	Finalised	Returned to Owner - Not of Type
Collie cross	Section 3 Offence (Aggravated)	03/01/2026	Finalised	PTS
XL BULLY	Suspected Section 1	08/01/2026	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Section 1 - Breach	14/01/2026	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Section 1 - Breach	14/01/2026	Finalised	PTS
XL Bully	Section 1 - Breach	26/11/2025	Finalised	PTS

2. Kennelling

2a. The total annual expenditure by the force on kennelling dogs seized by police (as defined above) for each year.

If kennelling costs are not separately coded or cannot be isolated from wider animal-handling or contract costs, please state this

The cost to kennel dogs, including any vet bills, travel costs, grooming fees etc per financial year (not calendar year).

PLEASE NOTE – The costs will include all vets/transport fees and also include any non-dangerous or **stray** dogs we have had to kennel. The costings are provided in financial years (so 1st of April to 31st March for each year, with the exception of 2025/26 which is the year to date position).

- 2025/26 financial year to date - £284,764.78
- 2024/25 financial year - £298,781.56
- 2023/24 financial year - £154,173.28
- 2022/23 financial year - £85,997.83
- 2021/22 financial year - £28,694.32
- 2020/21 financial year - £43,727.20
- 2019/20 financial year - £39,545.60

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/01/2026