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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:09/04/2026

2026/366 - Section 1 Dangerous Dogs Act Seizures and Outcomes

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding dogs seized under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

This request relates specifically to dogs seized on suspicion of being a prohibited type, not to those involved in offences under Section 3.

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025, or the most recent 5-year period available.

If providing 5 years of data would exceed the cost limit, please provide the same information for the most recent 3-year period instead.

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

The below data is only for 2025, we no longer have access to the records prior to this.

1. Seizures and Outcomes

a) The total number of dogs seized under Section 1 - 27 (2025)

b) Of those seized, the number:

i - Disclaimed by the owner - 8 (2025)

ii - Returned to the owner as not being of a prohibited type - 3 (2025)

iii - Subject to a Contingent Destruction Order and added to the Index of Exempted Dogs - 6 (2025)

iv - Ordered to be euthanised by the court - 5 (2025)

2. Timeframes

a) The average time between seizure and formal assessment/typing decision - This

Information is not held as we don't generally record the data of the assessment.

b) The average time between seizure and final outcome (e.g. return, exemption, or destruction)

c) Where available, the average time between seizure and return for dogs found not to be of a prohibited type

Our new procedure means that dogs are assessed at our own facility, any dog not deemed to be of type is not kennelled and returned the same day.

3. Kennelling and Costs

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a) The average cost per dog per day for kennelling

from 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2025: -

2020	£13.88
2021	£13.45
2022	£12.90
2023	£19.13
2024	£22.46
2025	£23.83

b) The average length of stay in kennels for dogs seized under Section 1

2020	22 days
2021	45 days
2022	93 days
2023	128 days
2024	85 days
2025	76 days

c) If available, the total annual cost of kennelling for Section 1 dogs

2020	Unknown
2021	£196
2022	£3,341
2023	£11,547.50
2024	£62,521.40
2025	£139,969.00

4. Additional Context (if recorded)

a) Where recorded, the number of Section 1 seized dogs with a prior recorded incident of aggression towards a person

This information is not held, as dogs names are not always recorded by investigating officers unless they're seized therefore we don't always have knowledge of the dogs history.

5. Clarification

If it is not possible to separate Section 1 data from other Dangerous Dogs Act data, please provide the closest available dataset and explain any limitations.

If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit, I would be grateful if you could advise how it may be refined to fall within the limit.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/03/2026