



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 24/06/2025

2025/642 - Dangerous Dogs

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes 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.

For the period: 1st January 2024 to 31 December 2024

1. How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did your force seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA).

43 – (40 XL Bully – 3 Pitbull)

1.2. For each S1 dog seized the average length of time between seizure and court hearing.

We do not hold an average.

1.3. For each S1 dog seized the cost per day per dog for kennelling.

£22 - £29 per day

2. The number of dogs seized as suspected prohibited types, deemed by the courts as being of each of the five different banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa Fila Brasileiro American Bully XL.

We do not hold this information. The courts would only make that determination if the breed was disputed by the owner.

3. How many Section 3 offences were taken to court?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each of the 288 dangerous dog 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.

I can advise 29 dogs were seized for section 3 offences but not all section 3 offences that go to court require the dog to be seized in which case we may not be notified.

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3.1 of these how many were Section 3 offences including a dog of a type proscribed under Section 1 of the DDA?

7 section 1 dogs were seized for section 3 offences.

3.2 For each dog involved in a Section 3 offence, what was their breed or type?

All 7 were XL bully's

4. How many dogs were seized for S1 offences and euthanised

19

4.1 how many of those were each of the four banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa Fila Brasileiro American Bully XL

18 XL Bully – 1 Pitbull

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/06/2025