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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0148

On 01/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In light of the June 2021 announcement from Gloucestershire Police that they are using DNA to tackle dog thefts, can you please answer the following questions?

- 1) How many dogs that you've seized, or otherwise come under your care, as suspected victims of dog theft have you sent DNA swabs / samples to identify the registered owner/keeper of the dog?
- 2) Have there been any other incidents of the police sending dog DNA swabs to Cellmark with a view to matching with a dog registered on the Cellmark database?
- 3) How many DNA samples that have been sent from Gloucestershire Police to Cellmark have result in a profile being matched to a dog already registered on the Cellmark database?
- 4) Does Gloucestershire Police derive any financial benefit from the association with Cellmark?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

- 1) None.
- 2) Yes, 1 x incident.
- 3) None.
- 4) No, the Constabulary does not derive any financial benefit from the association with Cellmark.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary