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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0173

On 07/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. For EACH of the previous two fiscal years (i.e. 2020/21, 2021/22) and 2022/23 - up to January 31 - please can you tell me:
 - a) The TOTAL number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991).
 - b) And the TOTAL number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991) that were destroyed.
2. Ideally, I wish this information to be broken down by breed of dog (e.g. Bull Terrier, greyhound, etc.).

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

I can confirm the following numbers of dogs that were seized/destroyed under the Dangerous Dogs Act:

Year	Seized	Destroyed
2020/21	0	0
2021/22	3	2
2022/23 to 31/01/2023	9	3

The breeds involved were as follows:

Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Cross breeds (Staffy, Whippet, Beagle, Lab, Mastiff, Terrier)
Unknown breed
Doberman
Husky
French Bulldog
German Shepherd

To provide any further correlation would likely identify individuals and therefore is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of any further information, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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