



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0357

On 03/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the number of:

- Number of dog theft offences reported
- Number of dogs reported stolen
- Number of dog theft charges
- Number of cat theft offences reported
- Number of cats reported stolen
- Number of cat theft charges

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify the number of records relevant to your request. Due to the way information is recorded, the number of thefts recorded is the same as the number of dogs/cats reported stolen – i.e. one crime record per animal reported as stolen.

Total Records	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Cat	0	2	3	0	0	5
Dog	10	15	10	9	3	47
Total	10	17	13	9	3	52

Total Charges	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Cat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dog	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	0	1	0	0	0	1

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