



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0564

On 24/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

As a freedom of information request, please provide monthly and annual totals from 2018 up until the most current date available at the point of production for the following:

1. The number of times the offences of an out-of-control dog causing injury has been recorded
2. The total number of dogs seized each year
3. The number, seized each year of: a) suspected banned breeds, b) suspected American Bully or 'XL bully' breed
4. The number of dogs seized, split by weight
5. The number of dogs destroyed each year.
6. The number of dogs destroyed each year, with a breakdown, if available of suspected banned breeds and suspected American bully breeds

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.

Regarding Q1, a search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 and 23/05/2023 where the offence of "Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog" is recorded. The total number has been broken down by month and year.

Year	Month	Total
	Jan	9

2018 Total - 165	Feb	10
	Mar	12
	Apr	17
	May	17
	Jun	15
	Jul	22
	Aug	15
	Sep	17
	Oct	9
	Nov	13
	Dec	9
2019 Total - 207	Jan	8
	Feb	15
	Mar	14
	Apr	13
	May	15
	Jun	25
	Jul	19
	Aug	24
	Sep	18
	Oct	24
	Nov	15
	Dec	17
2020 Total - 209	Jan	11
	Feb	11
	Mar	10
	Apr	13
	May	23
	Jun	24
	Jul	20
	Aug	29
	Sep	24
	Oct	16
	Nov	10
	Dec	18

2021 Total - 199	Jan	20
	Feb	11
	Mar	16
	Apr	18
	May	13
	Jun	23
	Jul	18
	Aug	10
	Sep	25
	Oct	21
	Nov	13
	Dec	11
2022 Total - 260	Jan	12
	Feb	14
	Mar	30
	Apr	19
	May	19
	Jun	21
	Jul	19
	Aug	33
	Sep	32
	Oct	22
	Nov	22
	Dec	17
2023 Total - 136	Jan	28
	Feb	28
	Mar	30
	Apr	32
	May	18
Total		1176

Information for questions 2, 3, 5 & 6 is held on a separate recording system. Please note that the information recorded is limited and therefore may not fully answer your request. Please also note that as your request does not specify the reason for seizure, the totals provided include those seized/destroyed under the Dangerous Dogs Act and any other act, such as the Animal Welfare Act.

Please see the attached data table.

With regards to question 4, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no information.

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

Date	Seized Section 1	Seized ABD/XL	Seized Other	Seized Total	Destroyed Section 1	Destroyed ABD/XL	Destroyed Other	Destroyed Total
2018								
Jan								
Feb								
Mar			2	2				
Apr	1			1				
May								
Jun								
Jul	1			1	1			1
Aug	1			1			1	1
Sep								
Oct								
Nov								
Dec								
2019								
Jan							1	1
Feb								
Mar								
Apr	1			1				
May			1	1				
Jun					1			1
Jul								
Aug							1	1
Sep								
Oct							1	1
Nov								
Dec			2	2				
2020								
Jan								
Feb								
Mar							1	1
Apr								
May					1			1
Jun								
Jul								
Aug								
Sep			1	1				
Oct								
Nov								
Dec			1	1				

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2021								
Jan								
Feb								
Mar								
Apr								
May								
Jun								
Jul								
Aug								
Sep								
Oct								
Nov								
Dec			1	1				
2022								
Jan								
Feb			1	1				
Mar			2	2				
Apr							1	1
May								
Jun			2	2				
Jul			1	1				
Aug			3	3				
Sep			1	1			1	1
Oct							2	2
Nov			2	2				
Dec			2	2				
2023								
Jan								
Feb		1	1	2	1			1
Mar								
Apr								
May		2	1	3	1	2	3	6
Jun								
Jul								
Aug								
Sep								
Oct								
Nov								
Dec								