



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0647

On 16/06/2023, you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act into the number of stolen dogs reported in your constabulary in 2022.

I have detailed the request below:

Q1. Please state how many dogs were reported as stolen in your area in 2022?

Q2. Over the same timeframe, please state how many of these cases were resolved (i.e. the pet was returned to its owner).

Q3. If possible, please state the three most commonly stolen breeds of dog and the number of each taken, in 2022.

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.

I can confirm a search has been conducted of our Crime Recording System for recorded crimes of theft, whereby the property item which was stolen was recorded as dog for the dates of 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022. This search has included a search of the dog breed and the recorded police outcomes. The results are as follows:

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2. Property which have been recorded as stolen has had no further updates.
3. Two of the recorded breed are Bulldog and Dachshund.

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