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Our reference: FOI_2023.0890

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0890

On 05/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Q1. How many dog attacks have been recorded by the force between 2013 and August 2023 (or most recent stats)? Please break these down annually.

Q2. How many dogs have been a) seized and
b) destroyed by the force between 2013 and August 2023 (or most recent stats)?

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 has been conducted on the Crime Recording System for the offence of 'Owning or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control, injuring any person or assistance dog' between 01/01/2013 – 31/08/2023. The results are as follows:

1. Yearly breakdown of dog attacks recorded

Year	Total
2013	71
2014	110
2015	144
2016	145
2017	173
2018	163
2019	204
2020	206
2021	199
2022	258
2023	254
Total	1927

2. within the period of 01/01/2013 – 31/08/2023 there have been 8 dogs which have been seized and destroyed under the Dangerous Dogs Legislation.

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.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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