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Our reference: FOI_2023.0968

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0968

On 02/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of offences your force recorded of out-of-control dogs causing injury for the calendar years from 2014-2022 and for the current year (2023) to date.
2. The number of seizures of dogs by your force for each of the calendar years 2014-2022 and for the current financial year (2023) to date.
3. Please break down the breeds of the dogs in each of the years in (2) above
4. Of the dogs in each of the years in (2) above, how many were seized as a result of being dangerously out of control?
5. Of the dogs in each of the years in (2) above how many were seized on suspicion of being a banned breed?
6. Of the dogs in each of the years in (4) above how many were confirmed to be a banned breed?

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 of the Crime Recording System for the offence of 008/21 – owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog for the dates of 01/01/2014 – 02/10/2023. This has resulted in 1886 offences.

Please see the attached document for the answers to questions 1,2,4,5 & 6.

3. No information held for the breakdown of breeds of dogs seized.

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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