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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1187

On 11/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of stolen pets (dogs, cats, horses, other small animals) OR crimes involving stolen pets in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (1 Jan – 30 Nov).
2. The date of the reported theft of a pet in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (1 Jan – 30 Nov).
3. If recorded, the species and breed of animals stolen in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (1 Jan – 30 Nov).
4. Please provide locations (where known) involving theft of the animal eg house/street/garden in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (1 Jan – 30 Nov).

Clarification was sought requesting if you could confirm which animals and pets from our property list which you would like the search to be conducted for.

Clarification was received confirm you would like the search to be conducted for the property items recorded as Cats, Dogs and Birds.

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.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm a search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for all substantiated crime between 01/01/2019 – 30/11/2023, whereby the property item is recorded as Dog, Cat and Bird and the status of the property is recorded as stolen or recovered. This search has included, where recorded, the make and model of the property. A manual review of the MOs has then been conducted to identify the type of location that the pet was stolen from. The results are as follows:

1 & 2. The number of crimes broken down by the month and year it was recorded

Month and Year	Total
2019	
Jan	4
Apr	3
Jun	4
Jul	6
Aug	1
Sep	4
Oct	1
Nov	4
Dec	4
2020	
Apr	1
May	2
Jun	3
Jul	2
Aug	12
Sep	3
Nov	2
Dec	1
2021	
Jan	2
Feb	4
Apr	1
Jul	3

Aug	2
Sep	1
Oct	1
Nov	1
Dec	1
2022	
Mar	1
May	1
Jul	1
Oct	1
2023	
Apr	1
May	1
Jul	1
Total	80

3. a breakdown of where is it recorded of the make/breed of the stolen pets per year

Make/breed by Year	Total
2019	
Spaniel Cocker	2
Other - Small	6
Chihuahua Smooth	1
Other - Medium	1
Parrot	2
Collie Border	1
Labrador	1
2020	
Bulldog	1
Other – Small	6
Other – Medium	1
Collie Border	2
Rottweiler	1
Labrador	1
2021	
Other – Small	2
Bulldog	2
Collie Border	2

Lurcher	2
Other – Medium	1
2022	
Other - Medium	1
2023	
Collie Border	1
Total	37

4. a breakdown of known location where pet was stolen from by year

Location	Year					Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Allotment	1	0	0	0	0	1
Barn	0	7	0	0	0	7
Boat	1	0	0	0	0	1
Communal Area	0	0	1	0	0	1
Driveway	0	2	0	0	0	2
Flat/apartment	0	2	0	0	0	2
Garden	7	5	2	1	0	15
Horsebox	1	0	0	0	0	1
House	5	3	3	1	1	13
Kennels	3	0	0	0	0	3
Outbuilding/Shed	3	0	0	0	0	3
Shed	0	0	2	0	0	2
Street	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tent	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unknown	6	3	7	2	2	20
Vets	1	0	0	0	0	1

Total	29	23	15	4	3	74
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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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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