



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI\_24\_0031

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Date: 05/02/2024

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0031**

On 09/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Q1. Please state how many dogs were reported as stolen in your area in 2023:

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 2023:

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.

When an Individual contacts the police and it is deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. Please note that the word "incident" in Gloucestershire Constabulary's terminology refers to a type of record, not the event as a

whole. If an offence is being reported (rather than a missing person for example) the "incident" will be assessed to determine if the offence falls within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime. If that incident is deemed to fall within the counting rules, a "crime" will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Please note that the Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and does not record information in as much detail as the Crime Recording System and therefore its reporting function is limited.

A search of the Crime Recording System has subsequently been carried out to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 where the offence of Theft and the property item of "dog" has been recorded.

Q1. A total of 2 crimes have been recorded within the date range specified.

Q2. Both crimes have a property status of "Stolen". Neither have been updated to the status of "Stolen/Recovered"

Q3. The breeds have not been recorded.

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer  
Gloucestershire Constabulary