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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0068

On 13/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

As I'm sure you are aware, following the Pet Theft Taskforce Report in September 2021, the Government has challenged police forces throughout the United Kingdom to accurately record and provide data on incidents of pet theft. This need for information is likely to intensify further should the Pet Abduction Bill - due to have its second reading on 19th of this month - become law as is anticipated.

In order to build a picture of what is happening as regards cat theft across the UK, since 2015 I have been collating data from each police force which was used to help inform the Pet Theft Taskforce's investigations. With a very few notable exceptions, most police forces have been very helpful and have consistently provided this information. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete my freedom of information request below:

1. What were the total number of cat theft crimes in 2023?
2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft crime in 2023?
3. Please list specific cat breed types with amounts (stolen in 2023) — or 'breed unrecorded' or 'mixed 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.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of the crime recording system has been conducted for offences of Burglary – domestic, Theft and Robbery, which was recorded between the dates of 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023. Where the property item recorded as stolen/recovered is Cat.

This search has returned a zero (0) result.

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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Yours sincerely,

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