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Date: 29/08/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2024_0729

On 06/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For the period 1st January to 30th June 2024

1. How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did your force seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA)?

1.2. For each S1 dog seized the average length of time between seizure and court hearing.

1.3. For each S1 dog seized the cost per day per dog for kennelling.

2. The number of dogs seized as suspected prohibited types, deemed by the courts as being of each of the five different banned types:

Pit Bull Terrier

Dogo Argentino

Japanese Tosa

Fila Brasileiro

American Bully XL

3. How many Section 3 offences were taken to court?

3.1. Of these how many were Section 3 offences including a dog of a type proscribed under Section 1 of the DDA?

3.2. For each dog involved in a Section 3 offence, what was their breed or type?

4. How many dogs were seized for S1 offences and euthanised

4.1. How many of those were each of the five banned types:

Pit Bull Terrier

Dogo Argentino

Japanese Tosa

Fila Brasileiro
American Bully XL

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

A search of constabulary systems has been conducted to extract the relevant data, please see below.

1. 9
 - 1.1. No information held – ongoing investigations
 - 1.2. £24 per dog, per day
2. No information held – ongoing investigations
3. 1
 - 3.1. 1
 - 3.2. Due to the low number, this information is exempt under Section 40
4. 0 (Zero)
 - 4.1. N/A

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of the type and breed of the dog under section 1 of the Dangerous Dog Act, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary