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Our reference: FOI_24_0787

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0787

On 27/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many serving police dogs do you currently have?
2. How many police dog handlers do you currently have?
3. How many police dog trainers do you currently have?
4. Please confirm the gender split of female and male police dog handlers?
5. Please confirm number of police dogs in your force which have died or been euthanised while still enrolled as a police dog (please include cause of death for each dog) from January 2020 until present.
6. How many police dogs have retired from the force since January 2020 until present day? Please include reason for retirement.
7. How many police dogs have been euthanised as they're deemed unsuitable for retirement since January 2020 until present day?
8. How many police dogs have failed their initial training course, and subsequently been re-homed or euthanised since January 2020 until present day?
9. What is the yearly expenditure for all police dogs?
10. Do your police dog handlers undertake canine first aid training? If so, how often are they provided a refresher course?

11. Are your police dogs supplied with personal protective equipment? If so, please state the equipment provided, brand of the equipment and confirm if it's personal issue to each serving police dog?
12. Are your police dogs provided with a direct financial assistance in their retirement from your police force or police crime commissioner?
13. How many suspects have been arrested by your force under 'Finn's Law' aka The Animal Welfare (Service Animals) for causing unnecessary suffering to a service animal since 8th June 2019 until present day?
14. How many suspects have been charged by your force under 'Finn's Law' aka The Animal Welfare (Service Animals) for causing unnecessary suffering to a service animal since 8th June 2019 until present day?
15. How many suspects have been convicted by your force under 'Finn's Law' aka The Animal Welfare (Service Animals) for causing unnecessary suffering to a service animal since 8th June 2019 until present day?

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.

1. 21
2. 19
3. 3
4. 3 females, 16 males
5. 1 – chocked on a ball
6. 15 – Reason for retirement unavailable
7. 0
8. 5 rehomed or returned to breeder
9. 2023/2024 - £208,811
10. Yes – at least once every two years
11. Yes – stab proof harness
12. Yes - we pay for ongoing vaccinations, worming, and ongoing prescriptions if injured on duty.
13. 0
14. n/a
15. n/a

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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