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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0863

On 20/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide yearly figures for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 along with monthly figures for all of 2023 and for 2024 from January 1st to 31st August for each of the following questions:

1. The number of crimes recorded for Home Office code 111/17/N: Possession of Pitbull type terrier, Japanese Tosa or other designated type dog contrary to Section 1(2) of Dangerous Dogs act
2. The number of crimes recorded for Home Office code 8N/821: Owner or Person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog.

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. Offences falling under the Home Office code of 111/17 are not offences that are notifiable to the Home Office as part of the Annual Data Requirement, therefore data for this question is held within our Case Recording System.

A search has been conducted for all relevant offences recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/08/2024, and where the breed is one of those listed in the request.

I can confirm that 2 records have been identified:

2018 – Pitbull Terrier

2024 – Pitbull Terrier

2. Offences falling under the Home Office code of 8N/821 are notifiable to the Home Office as part of the Annual Data Requirement, therefore data for this question is held within our Crime Recording System.

A search has been conducted for all relevant offences recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/08/2024. Please see the table below for the number of records broken down by month/year.

Month/Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	8	11	20	12	28	29	108
Feb	15	11	11	14	28	24	103
Mar	14	10	16	29	30	32	131
Apr	13	13	18	19	32	29	124
May	15	22	13	19	31	31	131
Jun	23	24	23	21	49	34	174
Jul	19	20	18	19	19	37	132
Aug	24	29	10	33	37	33	166
Sep	17	23	25	32	28		125
Oct	24	16	21	22	27		110
Nov	15	10	13	21	31		90
Dec	17	17	11	17	28		90
Total	204	206	199	258	368	249	1484

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary