



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_25_0083
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Date: 25/02/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0083

On 22/01/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Hope you're well and having a good week.

I'd like to issues a Freedom of Information request for the following please:

- Total number of pet thefts in 2019 (January-December)
- Total number of pet thefts in 2024 (January-December)
- Pet thefts in 2024 (January-December) broken down by type of animal (if possible please use these categories: dogs, cats, livestock, birds, other mammals (e.g rabbits, hamsters) horses, fish, reptiles)

Clarification was sought on 23/01/2025, to advise that we record animals and pets as property, and if you refer to the list and confirm which animals and pets you require

Bird
Cat
Cattle
Deer
Dog
Ferret
Fish
Goat
Horse/Pony
Pig

Rabbit
Reptile/snake
Sheep

A response to the clarification was received on 29/01/2025, confirming the following:

Can you supply the information on the below thefts from 2024 please?

Bird
Cat
Cattle
Deer
Dog
Ferret
Fish
Goat
Horse/Pony
Pig
Rabbit
Reptile/snake
Sheep

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, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System for substantiated crime recorded with the following dates of 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019 and 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024, where the offences was under the offence category of Theft.

For the offences from 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024 the above property items were pulled into the search.

The results are as follows:

2019	2024
25	1

Any further breakdown of the type of animal/pet stolen is exempt by Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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 any further breakdown of the type of animal/pet stolen, 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 with 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 –
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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