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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0235

On 26/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act Data concerning the theft of dogs within your area over the period 2019-2024.

In particular, I would like this information broken down by LSOA area and by year.

I wish to be able to show the number of dogs stolen by year by LSOA area.

I would appreciate it if the data could be supplied in a CSV format showing the year, LSOA and the number of thefts.

If possible, I would like to know the breed of dog stolen.

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.

A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes where there is a Property item recorded as stolen, and where that item is recorded as "dog".

The table below is a breakdown of the results recorded in the date range of 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2024. Please note that this is a count of individual dogs stolen, not the number of crimes recorded - it is possible that multiple dogs are recorded as stolen on one crime report.

Local Policing Area	Year						Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Breed							
Cheltenham LPA							
Bull Terrier	1						1
Labrador	1						1
Lurcher	1						1
Other	1		2	1			4
Spaniel Cocker	1						1
Not Recorded	1		1				2
Cotswolds LPA							
Bulldog	1	1	2				4
Collie Border			2				2
Labrador		1					1
Lurcher			1				1
Other	1		1				2
Spaniel Cocker						1	1
Not Recorded	1						1
Forest LPA							
Bulldog		1	1				2
Dachshund Smooth				1			1
Other					1		1
Rottweiler		1					1
Not Recorded		2					2
Gloucester LPA							
Bulldog	1						1
Chihuahua Smooth	1						1
Collie Border		2					2
Other	2	7					9

Not Recorded	2	3			1		6
Stroud LPA							
Bulldog			1				1
Collie Border	1						1
Lurcher			1				1
Other		1					1
Spaniel Welsh Springer		2					2
Tewkesbury LPA							
Bulldog			1	1			2
Collie Border			1		1		2
Labrador	1						1
Other	4						4
Spaniel Cocker	2						2
Not Recorded	3		1				4
Total	26	21	15	3	3	1	69

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,

Disclosure Officer

Gloucestershire Constabulary