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Our reference: FOI_25_0539

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0539

On 23/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. If you can provide them, I would like to know the number for how many offence code 8/21 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, you have had in 2023, 2024 and how every many months of 2025 data you have, by month would be great if you have it. In your police force
2. It's my understanding there is no way of readily identifying breed of the dog from the crime recording system. In order to determine whether an attack took place and whether the breed of dog is mentioned, it would be necessary to examine each and every 008/21 investigation on an individual basis, including any associated documents. If this is the case- would I be able to have any information from just the month of February 2024- with the breeds of dogs in these cases? In your police force
3. How many section 1 dogs under the dangerous dogs act/ banned breeds have been seized since December 31st 2024 monthly or a total to May 2025 in your police force
4. The number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dogs act that have been destroyed between the 31st December 2023 monthly or total to May 2025 in your police force

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.

Q1.

Year	Total
2023	375
2024	349
01/01/2025 – 30/04/2025	113

Q2.

A manual review of crimes recorded for 01/02/2024 – 29/02/2024 has been conducted to identify the breeds of dog recorded on crimes where the offence is 8/21 Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales. Please see the table below for the results.

Breed recorded	Total
Alsatian	3
Alsatian-Type	1
British Bulldog	1
Bull-Type	1
Cane Corso	1
Chihuahua	1
Frenchie	1
German Shepherd	1
Highland Terrier	1
Mastiff	1
Not Recorded	2
Pointer	2
Rhodesian Ridgeback	1
Scottish Terrier x Jack Russell	1
Springer	1
Staffie	1
Staffie x Husky	1
Terrier dog	1
Weimaraner	1
XL Bully	2

Q3.

Month	Total
Jan	1
Feb	1
Mar	0
Apr	2
01/05 - 28/05/2025	1

Q4.

Month/Year	Total
2024	
Jan	0
Feb	1
Mar	0
Apr	0
May	1
Jun	0
Jul	2
Aug	3
Sep	0
Oct	1
Nov	0
Dec	0
2025	
Jan	0
Feb	0
Mar	0
Apr	0
May	0

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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