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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0652

On 30/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the number of reported dog thefts in your jurisdiction for each of the past three full calendar years (2022, 2023, and 2024), as well as for 2025 to date.

The data should be broken down by month and year, allowing us to understand any annual and seasonal trends.

If available, I would also like a geographic breakdown of these reported thefts using the most detailed level possible (such as postcode, neighbourhood, or police ward), with the location format clearly stated.

Please also include, if recorded:

A breakdown by breed of the dogs reported stolen during the same period.

The location type where the theft occurred (e.g., at home, in a local park, from a vehicle, etc.).

The time of day when the incidents occurred (morning, afternoon, evening, overnight, or more specific times if available).

The number of dogs reported stolen that were later found, rescued, or reclaimed.

If you use specific crime codes or tags to record dog theft, or if there is a distinction between attempted and completed thefts in your data, please include any explanatory notes or definitions.

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 of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2022 – 30/06/2025, where the offences are recorded as:

039/00 - Theft from the person of another

049/03 - Abduction of pet dog/cat

049/10 - Theft if not classified elsewhere

040/00 - Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter

A filter has been applied where the keyword of Dog is referenced within the MO Freetext.

Please see the following results

Month & Year Local Policing Area (LPA)

Month and LPA	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan					
Gloucester LPA			1		1
Stroud LPA			1		1
Tewkesbury LPA	2	1			3
Feb					
Cotswolds LPA	1				1
Forest LPA	1	1		1	3
Gloucester LPA				1	1
Stroud LPA				1	1
Mar					
Cotswolds LPA			1		1
Gloucester LPA	1				1
Stroud LPA		1			1
Apr					
Cheltenham LPA				1	1
Forest LPA	1	1	1		3
Gloucester LPA	1	2			3
Stroud LPA				1	1

May					
Cheltenham LPA	1			1	2
Gloucester LPA	1	2	1		4
Stroud LPA		2			2
Tewkesbury LPA	3				3
Jun					
Cheltenham LPA	3	1			4
Cotswolds LPA		1			1
Forest LPA	1			1	2
Gloucester LPA	1		1		2
Stroud LPA			1		1
Jul					
Cheltenham LPA	1	1			2
Cotswolds LPA	2				2
Forest LPA	1				1
Gloucester LPA	1				1
Aug					
Cotswolds LPA	1				1
Gloucester LPA	1				1
Tewkesbury LPA	1				1
Sep					
Cotswolds LPA	1				1
Forest LPA		1	1		2
Stroud LPA	2				2
Unclassified LPA		1			1
Oct					
Cheltenham LPA	1		3		4
Forest LPA	2				2
Gloucester LPA		1			1
Stroud LPA			1		1
Nov					
Cheltenham LPA			1		1
Cotswolds LPA		1	2		3
Forest LPA		1			1

Gloucester LPA	1				1
Stroud LPA			1		1
Dec					
Cotswolds LPA			1		1
Forest LPA	1				1
Gloucester LPA			1		1
Tewkesbury LPA	1	1	1		3
Unclassified LPA	2				2
Total	36	19	19	7	81

Month & Year and Breed

Month and Breed	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan					
Pocket Bully	1				1
Unknown	1	1	2		4
Feb					
American Bulldog		1			1
Unknown	2			3	5
Mar					
Unknown	1	1	1		3
Apr					
Husky				1	1
Jack Russell			1		1
other		1			1
Unknown	2	2		1	5
May					
bulldog	1				1
Pug	1				1
Unknown	3	4	1	1	9
Jun					
American Bulldog		1			1
Chihuahua	1				1
Unknown	4	1	2	1	8

Jul					
dachshund	1				1
Unknown	4	1			5
Aug					
Unknown	3				3
Sep					
Jack Russell			1		1
Unknown	3	2			5
Oct					
other - medium	1				1
Unknown	2	1	4		7
Nov					
spaniel cocker			1		1
Unknown	1	2	3		6
Dec					
Jack Russell		1			1
Unknown	4		3		7
Total	36	19	19	7	81

Please note that the breed is not a mandatory field.

Month & Year and Location of where the dog theft took place.

Month and Location	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan					
Home	1				1
Unknown	1	1	2		4
Feb					
Garden		1			1
Unknown	1			3	4
Yard	1				1
Mar					
Garden	1				1
Unknown		1	1		2
Apr					
Garden			1		1

Unknown	2	3		2	7
May					
Garden			1		1
Unknown	5	4		1	10
Jun					
Garden	1	1			2
Unknown	4	1	2	1	8
Jul					
Garden	2				2
Unknown	3	1			4
Aug					
Unknown	3				3
Sep					
Garden	1				1
Unknown	2	2	1		5
Oct					
Garden	1				1
Unknown	2	1	4		7
Nov					
Car park			1		1
Unknown	1	2	3		6
Dec					
Caravan	1				1
Unknown	3	1	3		7
Total	36	19	19	7	81

Month & Year of time when the Dog theft took place

AM – 7am – 12pm

PM – 12pm – 5pm

Evening – 5pm – 10pm

Overnight – 10pm – 7am

Unknown where is not determined of when the offence took place

Month and Time	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan					
AM	1				1
PM			1		1
Unknown	1	1	1		3

Feb					
PM	1	1		1	3
Unknown	1			2	3
Mar					
AM			1		1
Evening	1				1
PM		1			1
Apr					
PM			1	1	2
unknown	2	3		1	6
May					
AM			1		1
Evening	3				3
Unknown	2	4		1	7
Jun					
Evening		1			1
Overnight			1		1
PM	1				1
Unknown	4	1	1	1	7
Jul					
PM	3				3
Unknown	2	1			3
Aug					
AM	1				1
PM	1				1
Unknown	1				1
Sep					
Evening	1				1
PM	1	1	1		3
Unknown	1	1			2
Oct					
AM			2		2
Evening	1		1		2
Unknown	2	1	1		4

Nov					
Evening		1	1		2
PM			2		2
Unknown	1	1	1		3
Dec					
Overnight	1				1
PM	2	1	3		6
Unknown	1				1
Total	36	19	19	7	81

Month & Year if dog was recovered

Month and if dog was recovered	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan	2	1	2		5
Unknown	2	1	2		5
Feb	2	1		3	6
Unknown	2			3	5
Yes		1			1
Mar	1	1	1		3
Unknown		1	1		2
Yes	1				1
Apr	2	3	1	2	8
Unknown	2	3		2	7
Yes			1		1
May	5	4	1	1	11
Unknown	5	4	1	1	11
Jun	5	2	2	1	10
Unknown	4	2	2	1	9
Yes	1				1
Jul	5	1			6
Unknown	5	1			6
Aug	3				3
Unknown	3				3
Sep	3	2	1		6
Unknown	3	2	1		6

Oct	3	1	4		8
Unknown	3	1	4		8
Nov	1	2	4		7
Unknown	1	2	4		7
Dec	4	1	3		8
Unknown	4	1	3		8
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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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