



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_25_0861
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Date: 26/11/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0861

On 22/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please confirm how many dogs, not on any banned lists, were seized between 1st January 2020 to 1st January 2025?
2. What length of time did it take from seizure to the court hearing?
3. How many dogs were returned to their owners?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary may hold some relevant information.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information requested in relation to the length of time did it take from seizure to the court hearing. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information, a manual review of 156 cases to work out the number of days, as length of time is not recorded on the case recording system as each case is individual and it also depends on the investigation needs. This manual review would take longer than the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17(5) 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.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that your request has been sent to the relevant department who has confirmed the following:

1. 156, this is not including any banned breeds
3. 52

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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