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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1104

On 14/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you provide the following:

- 1) The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
- 2) The number of dogs put down under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
- 3) The number of dogs seized per year since 2019, broken down by breed type. Please include the 'XL Bully' / 'American Bully' and all other breed types. If possible, clarify which months are included in the year 2025.

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted. I can confirm that the information you have requested may be held by Gloucestershire Constabulary however we do not record such instances statistically in relation to specific dog breeds seized, nor are they held in a format that would allow their extraction within the permitted time constraints.

In relation to your request some data is held from the year 2023 onwards.

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.

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:
Providing Information Outside of the Act

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

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.

1) The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2023 to 2025

2023	
Month	Number of Dogs seized
Jan	1
Feb	1
Mar	1
Apr	0
May	6
Jun	4
Jul	3
Aug	9
Sep	9
Oct	2
Nov	12
Dec	8

2024	
Month	Number of Dogs seized
Jan	9
Feb	8
Mar	15
Apr	11
May	20
Jun	19
Jul	13
Aug	14
Sep	5
Oct	14
Nov	10
Dec	14

2025	
Month	Number of Dogs seized
Jan	10
Feb	6
Mar	24
Apr	16
May	9
Jun	12
Jul	11
Aug	11
Sep	9
Oct	5
Nov	3
Dec	7

- 2) The number of dogs put down under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.

In relation to your request, the data held has been recorded by year occurring and is therefore not able to be broken down per month. The table below shows the number of dogs euthanised under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 from 2023 to 2025.

Year	Number of Dogs Euthanised
2023	30
2024	48
2025	28

- 3) The number of dogs seized per year since 2019, broken down by breed type. Please include the 'XL Bully' / 'American Bully' and all other breed types. If possible, clarify which months are included in the year 2025.

In order to ascertain this information, it would require a manual review of all incidents relating to dogs seized.

Unfortunately, due to the volume of records that would need to be manually reviewed I am unable to identify information that could be supplied within the fees limit.

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
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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