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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0001

On 02/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dog abduction became a specific criminal offence under the Pet Abduction Act 2024.

1. For the period 1 September 2024 to 31 December 2025, please provide the number of dog abduction offences recorded per month by your force under the Pet Abduction Act 2024.

2. For each dog abduction offence recorded during this period, what outcome was recorded for the offence (for example, the relevant Home Office Outcome Code and description, or any force-specific outcome description used)?

(No personal data is requested.)

3. For dog abduction offences recorded between 1 September 2024 and 31 December 2025, please provide an aggregate breakdown showing how the following characteristics were recorded:

Breed (including "unknown" or equivalent categories)

Sex (including "unknown" or equivalent categories)

Age (including "unknown" or equivalent categories)

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 the Crime Recording System has been conducted to determine the number of crimes recorded between 01/09/2024 and 31/12/2025 where the offence falls under the Pet Abduction Act 2024.

Q1. This search has returned a total of 20 records, where 18 relate to the offence of Take/Detain a Dog.

Q2. The table below denotes the recorded outcomes, broken down by month and year.

Month/Year & Outcome	TAKE / DETAIN A DOG
2024	
OCT	
Cancelled - C2 Additional Verifiable Information	1
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Does Not Support - Suspect Identified.	1
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Supports - Suspect Identified.	3
NOV	
Investigation Complete - No Suspect.	3
DEC	
Cancelled - C2 Additional Verifiable Information	2
2025	
FEB	
Investigation Complete - No Suspect.	1
APR	
Cancelled - C2 Additional Verifiable Information	1
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Does Not Support - Suspect Identified.	1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect.	1
AUG	
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Supports - Suspect Identified.	1
OCT	

Evidential Difficulties - Ip Does Not Support - Suspect Identified.	1
DEC	
Investigation Complete - No Suspect.	2
TOTAL	18

Q3. No information held. A manual review of the identified records has been carried out, however as the recording of the breed, sex and age of the dog is not mandatory, there is no information held.

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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