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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0019

On 06/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Request 1

1. What were the total number of dog theft/abduction crimes in 2024, and in 2025 (with monthly breakdowns if possible)?
2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft/abduction crime in 2024, and 2025?
3. Please show how many of the recorded crime outcomes in 2024 and 2025 are under:
 - a) The Theft Act 1968
 - b) The Pet Abduction Act 2024
4. How many dogs were listed with each dog theft/abduction crime in 2024 and 2025?
5. Can details about stolen/abducted dog breed, gender, age, and location of theft (walk, home, garden, outside shop, from car etc) also be provided for 2024 and 2025 please?

Request 2

1. What were the total number of cat theft/abduction crimes in 2024, and in 2025 (with monthly breakdowns if possible)?
2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft/abduction crime in 2024, and 2025?

3. Please show how many of the recorded crime outcomes in 2024 and 2025 are under:
 - a) The Theft Act 1968
 - b) The Pet Abduction Act 2024
4. How many cats were listed with each dog theft/abduction crime in 2024 and 2025?
5. Can details about stolen/abducted cat breed, gender, age, and location of theft also be provided for 2024 and 2025 please?

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, searches were undertaken of the Constabulary's crime recording system for pet abductions between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2025. One search was conducted to establish crimes recorded under the Theft Act 1968 and another was conducted to establish crimes recorded under the Pet Abduction Act 2024. Under the Theft Act, a key word search was applied for "cat" and "dog" and a manual search was undertaken of the records returned to establish relevance to the questions you raised. For some parts of your request, it was necessary to manually review the free text section of the crime record to look for information. In some cases, regarding breed, gender, age and location of theft, no information is held by Gloucestershire Constabulary as this is not a mandatory field to be completed by officers. Where the information has been recorded, it has been shared below.

Request 1

1. 36 dog theft/abduction crimes in 2024/5
2. Outcome information is set out in the table below.
3. Information regarding Acts is set out in the table below.

Theft / Abduction	Outcome	Act	Location Type
1	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
2	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held

3	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
4	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	Public toilet
5	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	Car park
6	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
7	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
8	Community resolution	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
9	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
10	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
11	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
12	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
13	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
14	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
15	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	Garden
16	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	Garden
17	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
18	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
19	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held

20	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
21	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
22	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
23	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
24	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
25	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
26	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
27	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
28	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
29	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
30	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
31	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
32	Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
33	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
34	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
35	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held

36	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
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- In all cases, one dog per crime was mentioned in the free text record.
- Where a specific location has been named, the details have been recorded above. Where "property" has been cited, this has been recorded as "no information held" as it is not possible to define this any further. In two cases dog breeds were recorded: one Jack Russell and one Husky.

Request 2

- 10 cat theft/abduction crimes in 2024/5
- Outcome information is set out in the table below.
- Information regarding Acts is set out in the table below.

Theft / Abduction	Outcome	Act	Location Type
1	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
2	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	Driveway
3	CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	The Theft Act 1968	Neighbour property
4	Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
5	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
6	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	No information held
7	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Theft Act 1968	Garden
8	Investigation complete no suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	Neighbour property
9	Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	The Pet Abduction Act 2024	No information held
10	Charged	The Theft Act 1968	No information held

- In all cases, one cat per crime was mentioned in the free text record.

5. Where a specific location has been named, the details have been recorded above. Where "property" has been cited, this has been recorded as "no information held" as it is not possible to define this any further. No further information about breed has been recorded.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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