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Date: 16/04/26

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0052

On 12/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please treat the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

For each calendar year from 2019 to 2025, please provide the following information. If information is not held by calendar year, please supply figures by financial year instead.

1. Dogs seized by police

For the avoidance of doubt, please exclude stray dogs handled on behalf of local authorities. Please include only dogs seized by the police in connection with criminal investigations, public-safety incidents, or powers under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

1a. The number of dogs seized by the force.

1b. If recorded in an extractable format, the number of dogs seized, broken down by the reason for seizure (e.g., Dangerous Dogs Act, owner arrested, welfare grounds, other policing powers).

If this is not recorded in a structured form, please instead state so".

1c. The number of dogs seized, split by suspected breed 1d. The number of seized dogs that were destroyed.

1e. . If recorded in an extractable format, the number of seized dogs that were destroyed split by suspected breed.

2. Kennelling

2a. The total annual expenditure by the force on kennelling dogs seized by police (as defined above) for each year.

If kennelling costs are not separately coded or cannot be isolated from wider animal-handling or contract costs, please state this.

Additional clarifications

- If any part of the request exceeds the cost limit, please process the remainder and specify which elements cannot be completed.
- If any definitions used by the force differ from those above, please provide clarification.

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

Following searches, the following information was provided to me in response to your questions:

1a) Between December 2022 and December 2025 274 dogs were seized by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

1b) Of the 274, 154 dogs were seized under the dangerous dogs act, 52 on welfare grounds and 60 under the category of 'other'.

1c) Information not held

1d) 102

1e) Information not held

2a) 2025: £31 per day and 2026: £34 per day

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

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Yours sincerely,

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