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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0146

On 06/02/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Following the introduction of the Pet Abduction Act 2024, police forces in England and Northern Ireland are now obliged to maintain data on the numbers of dogs and cats reported stolen in their respective areas.

In order to build a picture of what is happening as regards cat abduction/theft in particular, since 2015 Pet Theft Awareness have been collating data using Freedom of Information requests from each police force across the UK. This data and our subsequent report (the Cat Theft Report 2022) helped inform the discussion as the Bill progressed through parliament. With a very few exceptions, most police forces have been very helpful and have consistently provided this information. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete my freedom of information request below:

1. What was the total number of cat abduction crimes in 2025? (An additional request for cat theft will be sent separately to distinguish)
2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat abduction crime in 2025?
3. Please list specific cat breed types with amounts (abducted in 2025) — or 'breed unrecorded' or 'mixed breed'?

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording database for cat abduction crimes in 2025 (01/01/2025-31/12/2025).

One record was returned where the outcome was 'investigation complete, no suspect identified'. No breed information was recorded in the free text field.

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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