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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_XXXX

On 24/03/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding dogs seized under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

This request relates specifically to dogs seized on suspicion of being a prohibited type, not to those involved in offences under Section 3.

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025, or the most recent 5-year period available.

If providing 5 years of data would exceed the cost limit, please provide the same information for the most recent 3-year period instead.

1. Seizures and Outcomes

a) The total number of dogs seized under Section 1

b) Of those seized, the number:

i - Disclaimed by the owner

ii - Returned to the owner as not being of a prohibited type

iii - Subject to a Contingent Destruction Order and added to the Index of Exempted Dogs

iv - Ordered to be euthanised by the court

2. Timeframes

a) The average time between seizure and formal assessment/typing decision

b) The average time between seizure and final outcome (e.g. return, exemption, or destruction)

c) Where available, the average time between seizure and return for dogs found not to be of a prohibited type

3. Kennelling and Costs

a) The average cost per dog per day for kennelling

b) The average length of stay in kennels for dogs seized under Section 1

c) If available, the total annual cost of kennelling for Section 1 dogs

4. Additional Context (if recorded)

a) Where recorded, the number of Section 1 seized dogs with a prior recorded incident of aggression towards a person

5. Clarification

If it is not possible to separate Section 1 data from other Dangerous Dogs Act data, please provide the closest available dataset and explain any limitations.

If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit, I would be grateful if you could advise how it may be refined to fall within the limit.

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

1a) 23 dogs were seized under Section 1 between June 2023 and December 2025

1bi) 9 were disclaimed by the owner

1bii) 0 were returned to the owner as not being of a prohibited type

1biii) 9 were subject to a Contingent Destruction Order and added to the Index of Exempted Dogs

1biv) 5 were ordered to be euthanised by the court

2a) The average time between seizure and formal assessment/typing decision: no longer than 48 hours.

2b) The average time between seizure and final outcome (e.g. return, exemption, or destruction): no information held.

2c) The average time between seizure and return for dogs found not to be of a prohibited type: providing there were no offences, as soon as a typing of the dog has been completed.

3a) The average cost per dog per day for kennelling: currently £42 per day

3b) No information held

3c) No information held

4a) The number of Section 1 seized dogs with a prior recorded incident of aggression towards a person: 2

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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