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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0348

On 07/04/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information for the latest 12-month period for which data is available.

Where exact classifications are not held, please provide the closest available recorded categories. I am requesting aggregated data only and do not require case-level information.

1. Total numbers

The total number of dogs that were:

- (a) Seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (including on suspicion of being a prohibited type), and/or
- (b) Recorded as involved in a dog attack incident

2. Outcomes

Of the dogs identified above, please provide the number that were:

- (a) Returned to their owner
- (b) Rehomed
- (c) Euthanised/destroyed
- (d) Still in police or contracted kennels at the time of the most recent available data

3. Legal or investigative outcome (returned dogs)

For dogs that were returned to their owner, please provide a breakdown, where recorded, by the outcome of the associated case:

- (a) Cases resulting in a charge and conviction
- (b) Cases resulting in a charge but no conviction (including acquittals or discontinued cases)
- (c) Cases resulting in no charges being brought

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

(d) Cases under investigation or subject to ongoing proceedings at the time the dog was returned

If this exact breakdown is not held, please provide any recorded outcome categories used.

4. Prohibited breeds

Of the dogs seized as suspected prohibited types, please provide:

- (a) The number confirmed as a prohibited type
- (b) The number subsequently returned to their owner

Cost and refinement

If complying with this request in full would exceed the appropriate cost limit under the Freedom of Information Act, please:

- Provide the information for Questions 2 and 3 as a priority, and
- Advise and assist under the Act as to how the request may be refined to fall within the cost limit.

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

Q3 Using the Crime recording system, rather than the Dangerous Dogs recording system, we can search for the number of substantiated crimes recorded where the offence is "008/21 – Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog and provide a breakdown of the substantiated crime data . This will not, however, identify records where the dog has been returned to the owner. If this would be useful, you can submit a new request.

Please also note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence, we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore, any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q1) A 113 B. Section 3 - 40

Q2) A.44 B. 20 C 33. D 16

Q4) A.11 B.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

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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