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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0470

On 14/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information relating to reported dog theft offences for the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 (or the most recent period available), including offences recorded under the Pet Abduction Act 2024 where applicable:

- The total number of recorded dog theft offences reported during the 2023/24 financial year.
- The total number of recorded dog theft offences reported during the 2024/25 financial year.
- If recorded, the breed of dog involved in each reported theft offence.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted for substantiated crimes recorded between 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2025 where dog theft offences have been recorded.

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.

0 thefts were recorded in the 2023/4 financial year.

10 thefts were recorded in the 2024/5 financial year.

No information is held by Gloucestershire Constabulary regarding the dogs' breed.

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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