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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0904

On 23/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following aggregate figures for recorded crimes involving a stolen cat in your force area from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023:

1. How many cat-theft crimes were recorded in each month from January 2019 to December 2023? Please use the date the crime was recorded.

2. For each year, how many were recorded in each theft-location category? Please use your existing categories.

3. For each year, how many had each recorded crime outcome? Please use your existing outcome categories.

4. For each year, what were the totals by breed/type and, separately, by sex of the cat?

Please include unknown or unrecorded categories where available.

Please include cat thefts recorded under burglary or robbery as well as theft, where readily identifiable. Aggregate tables are sufficient. Please state if a figure is unavailable and whether the breed and sex totals count cats or crimes.

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

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.

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.

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.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted by one of the Constabulary's subject matter experts (SME) of the crime recording system, to locate the relevant and recorded information needed to respond to your questions. Please note, as the data set returned was low in numbers, I have grouped together some of the data to ensure individual cases or people cannot be identified. In response to your questions, I can confirm the following:

Q1 - 2 crimes were recorded in 2019, 3 crimes were recorded in 2020, 1 crime was recorded in 2021, and 1 crime was recorded in 2022.

Q2 - Gloucestershire Constabulary records location by Local Policing Area (LPA). For the crimes listed in response to Q1, the following LPAs were recorded: Gloucester (3), Cheltenham (3) and Stroud (1).

Q3 – The following outcomes were recorded for the crimes listed in response to Q1.

Outcome	Count of Outcome
Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	1
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	3
Investigation complete: no suspect identified	3
Total	**7**

Q4 – Following a manual review of the crimes listed in response to Q1, no information is held from the search undertaken regarding the breed or sex of the cat.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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