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Date: 02/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0937

On 01/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

(1) I am kindly requesting how many occurrences you have of dog-related crime in the 24 months to 01/10/2026, e.g. offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act, dog attacks etc. This is all incidents regardless of outcome.

(2) I am also kindly requesting how many of the above cases were (a) charged; and (b) convicted of the office.

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.

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, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording system for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/10/2024 and 30/09/2026 where the offence was 008/21 Dog out of control - injury in a public place. I can confirm the information below in response to your questions.

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.

Outcome	Count of Dog out of control -injury public place
Charged/Summons	9
Not in the public interest (Police)	3
Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	50
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	61
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	169
Investigation complete: no suspect identified	144
Action undertaken by another body/agency	4
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	5
Diversionary	2
Adult Caution	1
Community Resolution	146
Not Assigned	72
Total	**666**

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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