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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 14th November 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 898

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th November 2022 concerning dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having consulted our Dogs Section and Finance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

How many dogs were seized by your Police Force under S1 and S3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA) in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

2016	17
2017	12
2018	7
2019	7
2020	15
2021	23

Of the dogs seized under the DDA, how many were euthanised in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

2016	2
2017	6
2018	2
2019	3
2020	5
2021	1



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What was the average time taken from the date of seizure to complete a prosecution under section 1 of the DDA in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

What was the average time taken from the date of seizure to complete a prosecution under section 3 of the DDA in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

What was the average time taken from the date of seizure to complete a prosecution under section 4a of the DDA in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

What was the average time taken from the date of seizure to complete a prosecution under section 4b of the DDA in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

For the 4 questions listed above, we do not record anywhere the average time taken for each of the mentioned steps taken.

Our Response to these 4 questions is therefore – No Information Held

It needs to be noted that there is no obligation on an Authority to create information – where none exists today – simply to answer an FOI request.

What was the total cost spent on kennelling dogs seized and detained under S1 and S3 of the DDA in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

No Information Held

All of our costs associated with dogs (including boarding and any veterinary costs) are held under the same Cost Centre in our Accounts. We do not distinguish separately between the costs associated with our own Force Dogs and those that were seized under the DDA.

As above, it needs to be noted that there is no obligation on an Authority to create information – where none exists today – simply to answer an FOI request.

Please Note

Even if we were obligated to undertake the necessary research work to allow questions 4-7 to be answered, doing so would almost inevitably require us to exempt a response under Section 12 of The Act as the costs of doing so would by far exceed the obligations on this Authority to comply.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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