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Date: July 5, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/620

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th June 2023 concerning dangerous dogs.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Team Performance Department and Dog Unit at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You Wrote:

How many dogs were seized by your force in the last ten years? Please list by breed, if known, and reason for the seizure.

- Please break down the data by calendar year: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date.

How many dogs were destroyed by your force in the last ten years? Please list by breed, if known, and reason for the destruction.

- Please break down the data by calendar year: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date.

How many people died after being attacked by a dog in your area in the last ten years? Please list by breed, if known, and the age of the victim.

- Please break down the data by calendar year: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date.

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How many dog attacks did you record in your area in the past ten years? Please list by breed, if known, and the age of the victim.

- Please break down the data by calendar year: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date.

In the last ten years, how many people have been arrested for breeding or selling a banned dog breed under the dangerous dogs act?

- Please break down the data by calendar year: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date.

Response:

Question One

2014

American Pitbull Terrier
9 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier
2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control
2 x Seized for Other

Crossbreed
5 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control
4 x Seized for Other

Other breed
2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control
1 x Seized for Other

2015

American Pitbull Terrier
8 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull terrier
1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Crossbreed
1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control
6 x Seized for Other

Other breed
2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control
1 x Seized for Other

2016

American Pitbull Terrier
4 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

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Staffordshire Bull Terrier

1 x Seized for Other

Crossbreed

3 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

9 x Seized for Other

Other breed

1 X Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2 x Seized for Other

2017

American Pitbull Terrier

7 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

1 x Seized for Other

Crossbreed

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed

3 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2018

American Pitbull Terrier

2 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Crossbreed

2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed

2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2019

American Pitbull Terrier

3 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed

2 X Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

8 x Seized for Other

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2020

American Pitbull Terrier

5 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Crossbreed

2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

1 x seized for Other

Other breed

2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

5 x Seized for Other

2021

American Pitbull Terrier

8 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Crossbreed

3 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed

11 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

1 x Seized for Other

2022

American Pitbull Terrier

8 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

2 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Greyhound / Lurcher / Whippet

3 x Seized for Other

American Bulldog

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Rottweiler

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Border Collie

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other Mastiff

1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

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Other breed
5 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control
1 x Seized for Other

2023

American Pitbull Terrier
1 x Seized for S.1 – banned breed

American Bulldog
3 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Rottweiler
1 x Seized for Other

Other Mastiff
1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Crossbreed
3 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed
1 x Seized for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Question Two

2014

American Pitbull
5 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

Crossbreed
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2015

American Pitbull Terrier
5 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

2016

American Pitbull Terrier
1 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

Other breed
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2017

American Pitbull Terrier
3 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

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Staffordshire Bull Terrier
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed
2 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2018

American Pitbull Terrier
1 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

Other breed
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2019

American Pitbull Terrier
1 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

Staffordshire Bull Terrier
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2020

American Pitbull Terrier
4 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

Crossbreed
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed
2 x Put to Sleep for Other

2021

Crossbreed
3 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Other breed
2 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2022

American Pitbull Terrier
4 x Put to Sleep for S.1 – banned breed

American Bulldog
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Rottweiler
1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

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Other breed

3 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

2023

Crossbreed

1 x Put to Sleep for S.3 – dog dangerously out of control

Question Three

Zero

Question Four

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0		1		1		2	6	4	4	
1		1		2	4	5	5	12	6	2
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4		4	3	3	2	8	4	10	12	4
5		2	4	7	1	10	7	6	5	3
6		3	3	5	3	10	8	2	14	3
7		2	4	7	1	10	10	4	6	4
8	1		6	7	2	5	4	6	11	4
9		2	1	2	9	6	6	14	10	2
10		5	2	8	2	3	5	4	9	4
11		4	4	5	8	7	7	6	9	3
12		2	4	3	2	3	5	5	10	
13			2	3	6	6	5	6	4	2
14		1	1	2	2	5	6	4	3	1
15		2	1	1	2	4		3	8	4
16	1	2	4	1	2	4	4	2	6	1
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18		2	4	1		1	2	2	3	1
19		1	2		2	1	2	1	3	1
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21		5	2	1	3	5	1	6	3	
22		1	4	1		2	3	4		
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24		2	5	1	1	3	2	4	2	
25		2	1	3	2	1		2	6	
26			4	4	3	1	4	2	5	1
27		2		1	6	1	2	5	5	4
28		4	4	2	4	5	2	5	6	1
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32		2	4	1	7	2	6	6	5	
33			2	2	4	4	7	4	6	1
34		3	5	3	4	2	5	5	4	2
35		4	4	5	3	3	1	3	5	2
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37		5	4	2	5	2	3	3	3	3
38		3	3	7		2	3	3	4	
39		5	6	4	7	2	3	3	2	1
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41	1	1	1	7	3	1	2	2	8	2
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43		2	1	8	4	4	2	5	2	3
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45	1		6	4	9	2	8	3	2	4
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47	1	4	6	7	9	2	2	5	7	3
48		1	3	8	6	8	3	6	5	
49	2	5	3	4	6	7	8	4	1	2
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54			3	3	2	7	3	11	7	1
55		2	4	6	8	4	5	5	7	2
56		4	3	4	4	6	3	9	9	1
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62		3	3	1	5	3	4	6	6	4
63	1	3	3	4	4	2	4	6	8	1
64		2	5	1	2		5	5	5	2
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74		1	2	3			1	3	2	
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76		3	2		1		2	1	3	1
77		3	3		1		2	2	1	
78		1	2					1	3	1
79				1	1	1	1		1	
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83				1			1	1	1	
84			1				1		1	1
85				2	1		1		1	
87				2	1		1		1	
88						1			2	
89								1		

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93									1	
94		1								
95							1			
Not Stated	1	7	11	10	11	9	6	15	16	12

Question Five

Zero

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,

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

Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN
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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.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 FoI 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

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>