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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 3rd October 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 951

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd October 2023 concerning Out of Control 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.

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

You wrote (and Our Response) :

I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. The number of offences your force recorded of out-of-control dogs causing injury for the calendar years from 2014-2022 and for the current year (2023) to date.

Year	Offences
2014	21
2015	181
2016	230
2017	250
2018	255
2019	282
2020	293
2021	355
2022	393
2023	318



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2. The number of seizures of dogs by your force for each of the calendar years 2014-2022 and for the current calendar year (2023) to date.

Year	Dogs Seized
2014	No information Held
2015	No information Held
2016	No information Held
2017	3
2018	7
2019	15
2020	15
2021	26
2022	23
2023	25
Total	114

3. Please break down the breeds of the dogs in each of the years in (2) above

Breed	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
American Bulldog						1	1	2
American Pitbull Terrier	1	2	3	6	9	6	3	30
Border Collie						1	1	2
Crossbreed		2		2	5		3	12
English Bull Terrier							2	2
German Shepherd Dog							4	4
Greyhound/Lurcher/Whippet						3		3
Other Breed (unstated)	1	2	10	6	11	8	6	44
Other Mastiff						1	1	2
Rottweiler						1	1	2
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	9
XL BULLY / AM BULLY							2	2
Total	3	7	15	15	26	23	25	114

4. Of the dogs in each of the years in (2) above, how many were seized as a result of being dangerously out of control?
5. Of the dogs in each of the years in (2) above how many were seized on suspicion of being a banned breed?

Reason for seizure	Total
Sec 1 Banned Breed	23
Sec 1 Banned Breed,Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control	5
Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control	53
Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control,Animal Welfare Act 2006	1
Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control,Other	1
Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control,Sec 1 Banned Breed	1
Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control,Sec 2 1871 Dogs Act	1
Total	85

6. Of all the dogs in each of the years in (4) above how many were confirmed to be a banned breed?

Year	Total
2017	1
2018	2
2019	3
2020	5
2021	9
2022	7
2023	1
Total	28

Please Note

- Information provided for 2023 is up to the end of September 2023.
- For questions 2-6 we do not hold any information prior to 2017, therefore our response for 2014, 2015 and 2016 is – **No Information Held**.

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 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk