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Date: 30th September 2024

Our ref: 2024-827

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th September regarding 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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the dog section and team performance at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote (and our response):

Please provide yearly figures for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 along with monthly figures for 2024 to 31st August for each of the following questions:

1. The number of dogs seized under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act

2019 – 5
2020 – 6
2021 – 9
2022 – 6
2023 – 3
2024 - 27

2. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act

2019 – 2
2020 – 4
2021 – 0
2022 – 4

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2023 – 1
2024 – 5

3. The number of dogs seized under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act

2019 – 4
2020 – 8
2021 – 15
2022 – 12
2023 – 16
2024 - 12

4. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act

2019 – 2
2020 – 4
2021 – 5
2022 – 6
2023 – 3
2024 - 4

5. The number of people charged each year under the offence Possession of a Dangerous Dog, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, s.1

2019 – 0
2020 – 0
2021 – 0
2022 – 2
2023 – 4
2024 – 2

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,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker