

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – Via email



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Our ref: FOI 2025-878

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10th September regarding seized 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 Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

For the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to current date:

1. How many dogs were seized by your force?
2. How many of these dogs (1.) died while being held in pounds?
3. How many of these dogs (1.) were later euthanised by a vet?
4. Of the dogs that were euthanised (3.) how many were either suspected or assessed to be XL Bullies.
5. How many dogs that were seized (1.) were returned to their owners?

Our response:

Please note, not all occurrences of seized dogs have an outcome recorded but data has been provided for those that do and for questions 2 and 3, all of these dogs will have been euthanized by a vet.

1.

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	Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog
2023	29
2024	72
2025	74

2.

	Died / PTS whilst in kennels
2023	0
2024	3
2025	2

3.

	Later euthanised by a vet
2023	9
2024	14
2025	20

4.

Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id	2023	2024	2025
XL BULLY	1	8	5

5.

Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id	2023	2024	2025
Returned to Owner	2	33	10

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and 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