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The number of Operational Police Dogs that were destroyed in the last 5 years:

2009: 2

2010: 0

2011: 1

2012: 0

2013: 1

Reasons why those dogs were put to sleep:

2009

1. Terminal Eye Tumour.
2. Multiple Attacks on Handler

2011

1. Multiple Attacks on Handler

2013

1. Dog Fitting / Seriously Ill - Vet recommendation

Below are details of the number of dogs that have been re-homed over the last 5 years

Year	Private	Free of Charge	Police/Other
2008	17	5	27
2009	18	5	23
2010	7	7	27
2011	14	6	23
2012	11	9	23
2013	10	9	65

In general terms West Midlands Police usually sell dogs if they are not suited to police work (for example wrong temperament). We re-home free of charge dogs which have medical issues which are likely to incur above average veterinary expenses to new owners, and finally dogs which are not needed by West Midlands Police are often suitable for other forces.