

Request reference: 4773_14

1. How many times firearms (lethal/non lethal) have been fired at dogs?

Twice

2. The date, outcome and a description of the why the action was needed

Incident 1 (in summary):

Initial report at 1802 hours on Monday 28th October 2012 that a Bull Terrier type dog was running in and out of traffic around the Bescott Retail Park, Bescott Crescent, Walsall, West Midlands.

Dog handlers were requested as the primary response and they made every effort to gain control of the animal utilising dangerous dog equipment, this proved unsuccessful and one of the handlers was bitten in the process. The dog handlers then requested the support of the ARV.

Incident 2:

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the following website(s).

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/crime/2014/01/21/dog-shot-dead-by-armed-police-in-bearwood/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-25814876>

<http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/vicious-pit-bull-dog-loose-6533040>

3. The type of dog/s involved and any injuries suffered by police or public

See above

4. How many dogs have been seized and/or destroyed over the same timescale?

1. Total number of dogs seized by West Midlands Police Dog Unit between 01/04/2012 - 18/03/2014 = 749

2. Total number of dogs destroyed for the same period = 324