

**Under the Freedom of Information Act we request the following:**

- 1. Who by name and qualification chooses the kennels for Japanese Akita dogs held under section 4(B) Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?**

Any member of the West Midlands Police dog unit who seizes a dog, regardless of breed, as evidence of an offence will transport the dog to one of five contracted kennels. There is no qualification relevant to this duty.

- 2. What qualification do they have to assess the kennels?**

The contracted kennels are licenced boarding kennels, licenced by the relevant local authority.

- 3. What alternative facilities do they have if any for Japanese Akita dogs - if none why not?**

See Q1

- 4. What behaviour training do the kennel staff have to deal with dogs that the Police deem dangerous? If none, why not.**

The kennel staff are employed by the relevant kennel owners, in accordance with the criteria of the relevant local authority. This information is not held by West Midlands Police