

What were the total number of dog theft crimes in 2016, 2017 and 2018?

| Year | Count |
|-------------|-------|
| 2016 | 26 |
| 2017 | 29 |
| 2018 | 30 |
| Grand Total | 85 |

What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft crime in 2016, 2017 and 2018?

| Outcome | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Grand Total |
|---|------|------|------|-------------|
| CHARGE OR SUMMONS | 1 | | | 1 |
| EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES: NAMED SUSPECT NOT IDENTIFIED | | | 1 | 1 |
| INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: NO SUSPECT IDENTIFIED | 20 | 24 | 23 | 67 |
| NAMED SUSPECT IDENTIFIED: EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| Grand Total | 24 | 27 | 28 | 79 |

Does your force have a dedicated team or team member who is responsible for overseeing such reports?

No

What criteria do you use for recording a dog/puppy as a theft as opposed to missing?

If a dog is reported as stolen, this would be recorded on our systems as a crime. However, the police do not deal with lost or stray dogs. In these circumstances we would suggest contacting the local council dog warden and veterinary centres.