

In the last five years how many dogs/horses did the force have in service by year?

**The Dog Unit has not significantly changed in strength of numbers in the last 5 years therefore, within a small degree of flexibility I can confirm we have had approximately 79 operational dogs (a variety of disciplines) 'in service' each year for the last 5 years. I confirm West Midlands Police do not have Police Horses, therefore this information is not held.**

In the same period how many of each were in training?

**Police Dogs are always in a training programme. Each dog is required to complete refresher training and licensing each year. Therefore, it is safe to concur that all Dogs (approximately 79 in total, for each year) were in training.**

In the same period how many were destroyed or sold?

**This would involve a manual search of all relevant records which would exceed the FOI time limit.**

**Please be advised that the information that you have requested is not available in a readily retrievable format. There are in excess of 1084 records which would have to be reviewed in order for us to identify the relevant information for your request.**

In the same period how many dangerous dogs were destroyed?

**In relation to Dangerous Dogs**

**783 "Dangerous" dogs have been destroyed since 01/04/2014.**