

The number of police dogs and horses used by forces in the UK between 1st Jan 2009 - 31st Dec 2018.

1. How many police dogs were there in the force's dog unit in the following years, broken down by job type

No recorded information held

2. Please list the main breeds used in the totals in question 1. Please list the most commonly used breeds first

In the order of most used;
German Shepherd
English Springer Spaniel

Other breeds used include; Labradors, Belgian Malinois, Rotweiller. Please note this list is not exhaustive

3. How many FULL TIME members of staff (trainers, handlers, officers etc) were working in the force's dog unit in the following years:

Year	Count of Full Time Staff
2009	75
2010	75
2011	70
2012	65
2013	59
2014	57
2015	58
2016	61
2017	62
2018	55
2019	57

4. How many police horses were there in the force's mounted unit

No horses have been owned or made available to West Midlands Police since the Mounted Branch was disbanded in April 1999.

5. How many FULL TIME members of staff (trainers, handlers, officers etc) were working in the mounted unit

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6. What was the forces total budget in the last ten years, and what budget was allocated to the dog and mounted unit:

For the force's total budget, please see following link: <https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/west-midlands-police-authority-archive/committee-meetings-and-events/police-authority>

Financial Year	Dogs Budget
2009-10	Not separately identifiable as this was held as part of several other budgets
2010-11	£558,700
2011-12	£675,200
2012-13	£481,600
2013-14	£423,800
2014-15	£430,800
2015-16	£562,600
2016-17	£750,900
2017-18	£757,300
2018-19	£571,100

NB Pay costs are centralised so these are not included above as they are not devolved to the unit themselves.

7. (Optional) Please add any additional comments you're happy to share re. the information above. Such as details of any changes/impact to working behaviours that may have occurred between 2009-2019. Please also include a contact email for anyone who is happy to be filmed or interviewed as part of this investigation:

Please contact our Live Chat team on the force website who may be able to assist you further and direct you to the appropriate person.

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/>