

REQUEST REF: 1176A/21

In the overall department and within the Dangerous Dogs Unit over each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (or the last period for which full information is held):

1. How many dogs were seized each year under the Dangerous Dogs Act?

The cost of locating and retrieving this information exceeds the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000 (see attached letter for details). The following figures instead are the number of dogs 'encountered' by dog handlers at reports of dogs being out of control. Many of these will not have been seized but will have been allowed to stay at home as they didn't meet the requirement for seizure.

2017 - 316
2018 - 270
2019 - 368
2020 - 548

2. What was the cost of kennelling these seized dogs each year?

Please note that that the following figures (rounded to the nearest '000) are taken from the Seizure of Dangerous Dogs code on our finance system, which covers any costs attributed to seizing the dogs. This includes equipment as well as kennelling and any vets fees paid minus any repayment of any incurred charges by the owners. Please also note that this information is only held in Financial Years (Apr to Mar):

2017/18 – £385,000
2018/19 – £339,000
2019/20 – £310,000
2020/21 – £221,000

3. How many of those seized dogs each year were dangerously out of control in a public space?

The cost of locating and retrieving this information exceeds the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000 (see attached letter for details).

4. How many of those seized dogs were seized under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act, 1991 (DDA), breed-specific legislation each year?

2017 - 111
2018 - 54
2019 - 59
2020 - 49

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In the overall department and within the Dangerous Dogs Unit over each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (or the last period for which full information is held):

1. Of the dogs seized each year under Section 1, how many were released under the Interim Exemption Scheme?

2017 - 5
2018 - 5
2019 - 3
2020 - 1

2. Of the dogs seized under Section 1 each year, how many were put to sleep?

2017 - 53
2018 - 24
2019 - 15
2020 - 15

3. Is there a plan in place to introduce within the Crown Prosecution Service a dedicated court process which would deal specifically with dangerous dog cases and related crime? If so, by what date?

This information is not held.

REQUEST REFERENCE: 1178A/21

1. In each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, how many incidents of dogs being dangerously out of control in a public place were there?

The cost of locating and retrieving this information exceeds the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000 (see attached letter for details). The following figures are instead Dangerous Dog Act offences recorded each year, without the 'public place' breakdown.

2017 - 629
2018 - 668
2019 - 770
2020 - 781

2. How many arrests were made related to organised crime in each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

The cost of locating and retrieving this information exceeds the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000 (see attached letter for details).

3. How many of the aforementioned arrests lead to convictions?

The cost of locating and retrieving this information exceeds the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000 (see attached letter for details).