

Request Reference: 199A/22

This is an information request relating to the seizure of dogs under the provisions of the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991).

Please include the information for each of the following periods; 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21:

1. The annual cost to the police force for seizing dogs under the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991) broken down by the cost of kennelling, the cost of veterinary treatment, and the cost of destroying the dogs

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. It is not possible however to provide a breakdown as requested within the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000 (see covering letter for further details):

Financial Year	Total
2016-17	£398,000
2017-18	£385,000
2018-19	£339,000
2019-20	£310,000
2020-21	£221,000

2. The number of dogs seized under the act per year

Please note, from 2018 onwards the figures in the table below also include all dogs subject to recording as a matrix "non-seizure", so aren't actually formally seized but the details are recorded by handlers and logged on our database. It is not possible however to separate these out within the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000 (see covering letter for further details):

Financial Year	Total
2016-2017	325
2017-2018	317
2018-2019	271
2019-2020	392
2020-2021	574