

Request Reference: 227A/23

For EACH of the previous two fiscal years (i.e. 2020/21, 2021/22) and 2022/23 - up to January 31 - please can you tell me:

a) The TOTAL number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991).

See below

b) And the TOTAL number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991) that were destroyed.

See below

The information below is based on the following search criteria: Database interrogated for seizures under Section 1 (including interim exemption scheme), and Section 3 Dangerous Dogs Act, (both aggravated and non-aggravated offences) for part a, to give figure on dogs encountered by handlers for those offences, but not necessarily 'physically' seized. Part b figures include dogs destroyed: as Stray, at the scene, by owners' agreement, or disclaimed by owner, following destruction order, or following non-compliance with a Contingent Destruction Order (CDO):

2020/21

a) 578 dogs encountered by officers (337 left in situ)

b) 129

2021/22

a) 669 dogs encountered by officers (389 left in situ)

b) 149

2022/23 (to 31/1/23)

a) 652 dogs encountered by officers (404 left in situ)

b) 114