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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Please could you provide me with information on how many offences involving dangerous dogs police have recorded between Jan 2018 - Jan 2019, Jan 2017-2018, and Jan 2016-2017, in the Greater Glasgow, Ayrshire and Lanarkshire areas, with the information provided separately?

Please find at the bottom of this letter a table of recorded crimes relating to incidents involving dangerous dogs.

I'd also like to know out of this number, how many of the dogs were destroyed, how many were returned to the owner, and how many of them re-homed, with the information provided separately.

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, we cannot provide you with statistics to show the amount of dogs which were destroyed or re-homed as we would need to read every crime report to see if there was an update of a decision from The Procurator Fiscal to Police Scotland.

If I was to use the example that it took 4 minutes to check each report in order to see if a decision had been made on the dog by The Procurator Fiscal, then calculations show that for the 1023 reports, it would take approximately 68 hours, and would cost approximately £1020 to carry out this task. This is in excess of the £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Glasgow on 01786 895877 quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

Table 1: Recorded crimes related to Dangerous Dogs Act (605112)

Period: Calendar years

	2016	2017	2018
Greater Glasgow	157	126	116
Ayrshire	109	75	65
Lanarkshire	139	135	101
Total	405	336	282

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 13th May 2019.