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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide the number of suspected dangerous dogs you seized in the financial year 2023/24.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, crimes involving dogs are recorded under Dangerous Dog crime classifications and as such, to establish the breed and whether a dog has been seized or euthanized, all relevant crime reports would have to be individually examined. This is an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold outlined within the Act.

To be of assistance, recorded and detected crime statistics are publicly available on the Police Scotland website: [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/) – Group 6 would be relevant to your request.

## Please provide the number of dogs you kennelled in each month of 2023/24.

## Please provide the total amount you spent kennelling dogs in each month of 2023/24.

## Please provide the total amount of other costs you incurred in addition to the kennelling costs for all dogs kennelled in 2023/24.

## Please provide the names of all businesses/organisations you used to kennel dogs in the year 2023/24.

For questions 2 – 5, I regret to inform you that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, once a dog has been seized, Police Scotland take no further part in its care.

Licensed kennels are based across Scotland and Police Scotland utilise the nearest kennel facility to where the dog has been seized.

Individual local authorities license the kennelling facilities that are used by Police Scotland for stray and dangerous dogs and therefore they are responsible for all aspects of the dog’s welfare and care.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.