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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.

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:

- **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 number of dogs seized under the act per year**

In response to these questions, I must advise you that Police Scotland does not hold statistics or information regarding the number of dogs seized/ destroyed or costs etc.

With regard to dog destruction, this is usually done on instruction from the Procurator Fiscal and as such would be information held by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

To be of assistance, we can provide information and statistics regarding 'Offences involving Dangerous Dogs' if it would be of interest.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee: foidundee@scotland.police.uk 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.

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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.