

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1952
Date: 17 October 2022



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.

Which Police Scotland dog has served the longest amount of time on the force.

Can you please provide, the name of the dog, the rank and the age?

All Police Scotland Dogs retire around the same age which means our specialist Dogs (Drug Detection etc) retire around their 9th birthday. The General Purpose dogs retire around their 7th or 8th Birthday. Unfortunately we are unable to identify a specific Dog.

Which police dog has found the largest consignment of drugs please?

Can you provide basic details of the dog include the name, rank and age please?

One of the largest drugs finds was carried out by PD Sam, a Springer spaniel Drugs detection dog who found £6 million worth of cocaine following a search of a courier's van after it left a French Port bound for Scotland. The substance remained undetected until the Dog and Handler team searched the contents of the van identifying two fire extinguishers which appeared to be legitimate. 10kg of Cocaine was found concealed within, which had a street value of £6 million.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee 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.

OFFICIAL

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.

OFFICIAL