

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1890  
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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 can you provide me with the number of reported offences involving Dangerous Dogs, giving totals for each (calendar) year – from 2017 until the date of this FOI request? If possible, please can you provide me with details of the geographical area in which the offence took place, and if possible the nature of the offence?**

In response to your request, please see the table below. I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the exact nature of the offence, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the only way to provide an accurate response would be to manually extract a summary of each offence from the crime report.

Given the volume of reports this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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 12th September 2022.

The Recorded Crimes were extracted using the Date Raised, and then selecting the Stats Class Codes:

- '605110 - Dangerous Dogs, Failure to Control, Supervise, Destroy'
- '605111 - Dogs bred for fighting'
- '605112 - Keeping dogs under prop ctrl, contrav of an order'

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**Recorded Crimes, 1st January 2017 - 7th September 2022 (Calendar Years)**

<b>Dogs bred for fighting</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
Angus				1			1
Argyll & Bute			1				1
City of Edinburgh		1					1
Clackmannanshire	1				3		4
Dumfries & Galloway				1			1
East Ayrshire		1					1
East Dunbartonshire	1		1	1	1		4
Glasgow City	1		1	2		1	5
Inverclyde				1			1
Midlothian			1				1
North Ayrshire		1		1			2
North Lanarkshire		1	1			1	3
Renfrewshire		2					2
South Ayrshire						1	1
South Lanarkshire			2	2			4
West Dunbartonshire						1	1
West Lothian	1						1

<b>Keeping dogs under prop ctrl, contrav of an order</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
Aberdeen City	27	13	25	25	47	34	171
Aberdeenshire	35	30	20	29	28	19	161
Angus	1		4	2	6	13	26
Argyll & Bute	13	14	13	19	13	14	86
City of Edinburgh	56	57	46	66	44	44	313
Clackmannanshire	12	8	4	4	7	7	42
Dumfries & Galloway	20	26	17	29	19	14	125
Dundee City	2	5	4	5	15	8	39
East Ayrshire	21	14	28	17	23	14	117
East Dunbartonshire	21	9	9	13	15	6	73
East Lothian	1	7	3	5	6	4	26
East Renfrewshire	9	11	8	6	15	13	62
Eilean Siar	2	8	2	2		2	16
Falkirk	12	22	10	13	8	17	82
Fife	59	38	34	51	56	42	280
Glasgow City	96	94	95	116	117	86	604
Highland	28	20	12	14	21	11	106
Inverclyde	8	6	15	6	13	6	54
Midlothian	17	16	9	15	8	13	78
Moray	6	5	8	9	11	12	51
North Ayrshire	35	29	33	18	31	18	164
North Lanarkshire	74	52	64	71	62	55	378
Orkney Islands		1	2		2	2	7
Perth & Kinross	7	2	7	2	6	12	36
Renfrewshire	21	13	10	15	22	8	89
Scottish Borders	6	8	14	18	25	19	90
Shetland Islands	9	2	3	2	4	1	21
South Ayrshire	19	22	24	21	29	19	134
South Lanarkshire	61	49	48	65	55	42	320
Stirling	4	3	4	4	6	8	29
West Dunbartonshire	23	25	18	23	21	19	129
West Lothian	20	18	25	33	19	18	133

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at [foidundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto: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.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.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](mailto: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.

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