| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0731  Responded to: 06 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act Data concerning the theft of dogs within your area over the period 2019-2024.

## In particular, I would like this information broken down by LSOA area and by year.

## I wish to be able to show the number of dogs stolen by year by LSOA area.

## I would appreciate it if the data could be supplied in a CSV format showing the year, LSOA and the number of thefts.

## If possible, I would like to know the breed of dog stolen.

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, we cannot search theft crime reports based on the nature of the stolen property for the period covered by the request. We have no means of ascertaining the nature of the stolen property other than by individual assessment of each theft crime report. This is clearly an exercise that will far exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

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.