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

## The cost per year of boarding/kennelling services for prohibited unregistered dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. Please also include the number of dogs seized and the breeds, if that information is available. I would like this information for each of the last 5 years i.e:

## Jan-Dec 2021

## Jan-Dec 2022

## Jan-Dec 2023

## Jan-Dec 2024

## Jan-June 2025

Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I estimate 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, I can advise that whilst crimes in Scotland are recorded and collated in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications, there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request – i.e. there is no classification that is exclusive to the seizures of dogs.

As such, crimes involving dogs are recorded under various ‘dangerous dog’ crime classifications. Therefore, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually review every relevant crime report relating to a ‘dangerous dog’ offence from January 1st, 2021, onwards to ascertain whether said dog had been seized. Unfortunately, given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for the five-year period specified, this exercise would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.