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

**How much the force has spent on kennelling banned breeds or the XL Bully since the ban came in. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the costs since February 2024 up to and including February 2025.**

I regret to inform you that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, once a dog has been seized, Police Scotland take no further part in its care.

Licensed kennels are based across Scotland and Police Scotland utilise the nearest kennel facility to where the dog has been seized.

Individual local authorities license the kennelling facilities that are used by Police Scotland for stray and dangerous dogs and therefore they are responsible for all aspects of the dog’s welfare and care.

**How much more has the force spent on staffing the dog section of the force since the ban came in, and how many staff did this budget pay for.**

**Has the force received more funding for kennels/staffing the XL Bully Ban, or has this been redirected from other areas of policing.**

Our interpretation of this part of your request, given the first question, is that you are seeking information about officers who deal with dangerous dogs offences. On that basis, section 17 of the Act applies as we have no such team.

If our interpretation is incorrect and you in fact mean dog handlers, as in the officers who work with police detection dogs, then please let us know.

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.