| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2287  Responded to: 04 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

## The number of dogs seized by your police force from November 2023 to the most recent available date.

## The number of dogs put down/euthanised/put to sleep by your police force over the same period under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

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.

To explain, all incident/crime reports relating to “Dangerous Dog” offences would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain whether any dogs were seized and/or euthanised.

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.