| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0861  Responded to: 12 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many dogs have been seized by Police Scotland as prohibited (banned) types?

## Of the dogs in Q1, by number, what breed or type were they thought to be?

## Who specifically (by role and force) identified these dogs as banned types or not?

## How many dogs were returned home with no further action after being found not to be a banned type?

## How many of these dogs were disclaimed by the owner and then euthanised?

## How many of these dogs have been taken to court by Police Scotland to deal with potential exemption?

## What were the outcomes of the cases in Q6 and how many are ongoing?

## What legal powers were used to seize dogs?

## For how many days and how many officers on each day have officers from other forces been engaged to come to Scotland to examine dogs to see if they are banned breeds or not?

## What is the cost of bringing officers from other forces to assess dogs for type per day/officer?

**What plans are being made or are in place to recruit or train officers/civilians to be able to identif**y **dogs as banned types?**

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 there are no search markers relevant to dangerous dogs. The only way to collate the requested data would be to manually review each dangerous dog crime report to extract and note any information of relevance.

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.