| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1187  Responded to: xx April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of reports received by your force about dogs being left in hot cars, broken down by year, from 2020 to 2024.**

**If recorded, how many of these reports specifically mentioned high temperatures or concerns about heat.**

**The number of incidents where police officers attended the scene.**

**The number of cases that resulted in enforcement action, such as warnings, fines, or prosecutions.**

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, there is no specific incident classification for dogs being left in hot cars and any incidents would be logged as ‘animal’. To provide you with the information you are requesting would require a manual search of all incident reports relating to animals to establish if relevant to your request.

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.