| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2136  Responded to: 17 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. Can you confirm the number of reports Police Scotland has received in the past year in relation to children being left locked in hot cars over the last 12 months?**

**2. Can you confirm on how many occasions Police Scotland attend the scene after receiving reports and execute measures to rescue children?**

**3. Did any children found locked in hot cars in the last year require medical treatment whether urgent or non urgent?**

**4. Can you confirm the number of reports Police Scotland has received this year in relation to dogs being left locked in hot cars over the last 12 months?**

**5. Can you confirm on how many occasions Police Scotland attended the scene after receiving reports and execute measures to rescue the dog/dogs?**

**6. Did any dogs found locked in hot cars in the last year require medical treatment whether urgent or non urgent?**

**7. How many dogs reported to Police Scotland and or rescued by PS died of heat related causes despite best efforts to save them?**

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 is no incident classification that relates specifically to children or dogs left in hot cars. This type of circumstance could be logged under various codes and each category would need to be manually assessed for relevance. An exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

f 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.