| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2339  Responded to: 13 September 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please provide yearly figures for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 along with monthly figures for 2024 to 31st August for each of the following questions:**

**1. The number of dogs seized under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act**

**2. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act**

**3. The number of dogs seized under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act**

**4. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act**

**5. The number of people charged each year under the offence Possession of a Dangerous Dog, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, s.1**

Having considered this question, 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, crimes involving dogs are recorded under Dangerous Dog crime classifications and as such, to establish whether a dog has been seized, all relevant crime reports would have to be individually examined.

To be of some assistance, recorded and detected crime statistics are publicly available on the Police Scotland website: [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/) – Group 6 would be 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](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.