| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1713  Responded to: 06 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

## - The number of reported incidents relating to dogs being left in a hot vehicle AND/OR The number of animal cruelty incidents relating to dogs being left in a hot vehicle

## The data should cover as much of the years 2014-2025 as possible within allowed budget of data collection broken down by month. Within this please include geographic information as well as the type of vehicle.

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 directly aligns to your request. The closest classification is 'animal' meaning that all such reports would have to be assessed for relevance. An exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You may wish to contact the Scottish SPCA.

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.