

26 September 2024

FOI Ref 17190

Request - You asked us the following:

For the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (up to the present day), I request data on arrests made under or in relation to The Animal Welfare Act. Specifically, I am seeking the following details:

Total Number of Arrests: The total number of arrests made under or related to The Animal Welfare Act for each of the specified years.

Animal Involved: Please specify the type of animal(s) involved in each incident (e.g., dog, cat, horse, farm animals, etc.).

Type of Crime Committed: A detailed description of the crime committed in each case (e.g., neglect, mutilation, poisoning, illegal sale, theft, etc.).

Geographical Location: If possible, please provide the geographical location (e.g., city, county, or police jurisdiction) where the arrest was made.

Outcome of the Arrest: Please specify the outcome of the arrest, if available (e.g., charges filed, conviction, acquittal, ongoing investigation, etc.).

Additional Notes: Any other relevant information or context regarding the arrests, such as notable cases, if available.

We received your request on 23/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

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- **Total Number of Arrests:** The total number of arrests made under or related to The Animal Welfare Act for each of the specified years. – **Information held.**
- **Animal Involved:** Please specify the type of animal(s) involved in each incident (e.g., dog, cat, horse, farm animals, etc.). – **Information held.**
- **Type of Crime Committed:** A detailed description of the crime committed in each case (e.g., neglect, mutilation, poisoning, illegal sale, theft, etc.). – **Information held.**

- Geographical Location: If possible, please provide the geographical location (e.g., city, county, or police jurisdiction) where the arrest was made. – **Information held.**
- Outcome of the Arrest: Please specify the outcome of the arrest, if available (e.g., charges filed, conviction, acquittal, ongoing investigation, etc.). – **Information held.**
- Additional Notes: Any other relevant information or context regarding the arrests, such as notable cases, if available. – **No information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

For the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (up to the present day), I request data on arrests made under or in relation to The Animal Welfare Act. Specifically, I am seeking the following details:

- Total Number of Arrests: The total number of arrests made under or related to The Animal Welfare Act for each of the specified years. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17190 Animal Welfare Act Arrests Data.PDF'.**
- Animal Involved: Please specify the type of animal(s) involved in each incident (e.g., dog, cat, horse, farm animals, etc.). – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17190 Animal Welfare Act Arrests Data.PDF'.**
- Type of Crime Committed: A detailed description of the crime committed in each case (e.g., neglect, mutilation, poisoning, illegal sale, theft, etc.). – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17190 Animal Welfare Act Arrests Data.PDF'.**
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Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.



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Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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