

28 October 2024

FOI Ref 17280

Request - You asked us the following:

- 1.Total number of typed XL bully dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act since 31st December 2023?
2. How many of the above dogs are:
 - A. In police kennels awaiting court?
 - B. At home on interim exemption awaiting court?
 - C. Euthanised due to being an unclaimed stray?
 - D. Euthanised by court order?
 - E. Euthanised due to owner signing the dog over to the police?
 - F. At home after exemption being granted in court?
- 3.How many suspected XL bully dogs have been seized and deemed not type?
4. How many dogs of different breeds have been seized since 31st December 2023 and what breeds were they?

We received your request on 20/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- 1.Total number of typed XL bully dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act since 31st December 2023? – **Disclosed, 62.**
- 2. How many of the above dogs are:
 - A. In police kennels awaiting court? – **Disclosed, 25.**
 - B. At home on interim exemption awaiting court? – **Disclosed, nil.**
 - C. Euthanised due to being an unclaimed stray? – **Disclosed, 3.**

- D. Euthanised by court order? – **Disclosed, 2.**
- E. Euthanised due to owner signing the dog over to the police? – **Disclosed, 40.**
- F. At home after exemption being granted in court? – **Disclosed, 20.**
- 3. How many suspected XL bully dogs have been seized and deemed not type? – **Disclosed, 10.**
- 4. How many dogs of different breeds have been seized since 31st December 2023 and what breeds were they? – **Disclosed, XI Bully, Pitbull, Cane Corso, Belgian Malinois, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Pocket Bully, American Bull Dog, Sus Dogo Argentino, American Akita, Mastiff, Great Dane cross, German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Shar Pei cross.**

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.

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.

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:

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