

30 September 2024

FOI Ref 17177

Request - You asked us the following:

1. How many police dogs are currently operational 2024
2. How many police dogs are currently not operational due to injury, ailment, sickness 2024
3. How many police dogs in training 2024
4. How many police dogs procured from 2010 to 2020.
5. How many police dogs were purchased from breeders in the uk. How many from the EU
6. How many police dogs were bred from Police breeding project
7. How many police dogs were gifted or purchased from uk dog rescues and which rescues
8. How many police dogs failed to meet standards. Did they get returned to vendor, breeder or rescue
9. How many police dogs have been successfully rehomed 2010 - 2024
10. How many police dogs failed rehome and were they returned to unit or euthanised
11. How many police dogs have been euthanised due to 1. Sickness, injury, ailment. 2. Behaviour, safety, treachery
12. What is the current budget for rehoming 2024
13. How many registered clinical behaviourists work with rehoming police dogs 2024
14. How many police dog have been euthanised due to accident, injury or ailment on duty 2010-2024
15. How many police dogs died in kennels, vehicles, in enclosures 2010-2024
16. How many police dogs died on duty 2010-2024
17. How many police dogs were rehomed to their handlers or families 2010-2024
18. How many police dogs were rehomed to the general public 2010-2024

We received your request on 20/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- 1. How many police dogs are currently operational 2024 – **Information held.**
- 2. How many police dogs are currently not operational due to injury, ailment, sickness 2024 – **Information held.**
- 3. How many police dogs in training 2024 – **Information held.**
- 4. How many police dogs procured from 2010 to 2020. – **Information held.**
- 5. How many police dogs were purchased from breeders in the uk. How many from the EU – **Information held.**
- 6. How many police dogs were bred from Police breeding project – **Information held.**

- 7. How many police dogs were gifted or purchased from uk dog rescues and which rescues – **Information held.**
- 8. How many police dogs failed to meet standards. Did they get returned to vendor, breeder or rescue – **Information held.**
- 9. How many police dogs have been successfully rehomed 2010 – 2024 – **Information held.**
- 10. How many police dogs failed rehome and were they returned to unit or euthanised – **Information held.**
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- 12.What is the current budget for rehoming 2024 – **Information held.**
- 13. How many registered clinical behaviourists work with rehoming police dogs 2024 – **Information held.**
- 14. How many police dog have been euthanised due to accident, injury or ailment on duty 2010-2024 – **Information held.**
- 15. How many police dogs died in kennels, vehicles, in enclosures 2010-2014 – **Information held.**
- 16. How many police dogs died on duty 2010-2024 – **Information held.**
- 17. How many police dogs were rehomed to their handlers or families 2010-2024 – **Information held.**
- 18. How many police dogs were rehomed to the general public 2010-2024 – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- 1. How many police dogs are currently operational 2024 – **Disclosed, we currently have 16 operational general purpose dogs.**
- 2. How many police dogs are currently not operational due to injury, ailment, sickness 2024 – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 3. How many police dogs in training 2024 – **Disclosed, please see below:**

4 General purpose dogs currently on a 13 week initial course.

1 Drugs dog on a training course in May 2024.

3 Young potential detection dogs being assessed for suitability.

2 Re handle courses.



- 4. How many police dogs procured from 2010 to 2020. – **Disclosed, our records held show that we have procured:**

61 General Purpose dogs and 45 dogs that failed assessment.
16 Drugs detection dogs and 5 dogs that failed assessment.
10 Explosives detection dogs and 3 that failed assessment
- 5. How many police dogs were purchased from breeders in the uk. How many from the EU – **Disclosed, 1 dog from the EU and 139 dogs from the UK.**
- 6. How many police dogs were bred from Police breeding project – **Disclosed, 23 dogs were from Police breeding programmes.**
- 7. How many police dogs were gifted or purchased from uk dog rescues and which rescues – **Disclosed, please see below:**

13 Gifted from Malinois Rescue.
2 Gifted from The dogs Trust.
1 Gifted from Spaniel Aid.
16 Gifted from the general public.
- 8. How many police dogs failed to meet standards. Did they get returned to vendor, breeder or rescue – **Disclosed, please see below:**

53 Dogs failed to meet the standards.
19 Were returned to the breeder.
11 Were returned to the owner.
12 Were returned back to rescue.
7 Were rehomed.
4 Were moved to another force.
- 9. How many police dogs have been successfully rehomed 2010 – 2024 – **Disclosed, please see below:**

21 Police dogs have been successfully rehomed.
6 Of the failed assessment dogs have been successfully rehomed.
6 of the failed dogs have been moved on to private security.
25 Police dogs have been rehomed to the handler.
- 10. How many police dogs failed rehome and were they returned to unit or euthanised – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 11. How many police dogs have been euthanised due to 1. Sickness, injury, ailment.
2.Behaviour, safety, treachery – **Disclosed, 4 dogs have been euthanised due to sickness and 2 dogs have been euthanised due to behavioral/safety issues.**

- 12 .What is the current budget for rehoming 2024 – **Disclosed, there is no budget for rehoming, it is all done on a voluntary basis.**
- 13. How many registered clinical behaviourists work with rehoming police dogs 2024 – **Disclosed, 1.**
- 14. How many police dog have been euthanised due to accident, injury or ailment on duty 2010-2024 – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 15. How many police dogs died in kennels, vehicles, in enclosures 2010-2014 – **Disclosed, 1.**
- 16. How many police dogs died on duty 2010-2024 – **Disclosed, 1.**
- 17. How many police dogs were rehomed to their handlers or families 2010-2024 – **Disclosed, 25.**
- 18. How many police dogs were rehomed to the general public 2010-2024 – **Disclosed, 21 Police dogs and 6 failed Police dogs.**

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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