

25 November 2025

FOI Ref 22112

**Request - You asked us the following:**

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding dogs seized and put down under the Dangerous Dog Act.

Please can you provide the following:

- 1 ) The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
- 2) The number of dogs put down under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
- 3) The number of dogs seized per year since 2019, broken down by breed type. Please include the 'XL Bully' / 'American Bully' and all other breed types. If possible, clarify which months are included in the year 2025.

Please provide the data in Excel format:

- Requests 1 and 2 in a single Excel file
- Request 3 in a separate file (if compiling the data for point 3 is too time-consuming, you can disregard this part of the request).

We received your request on 13/11/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

**Staffordshire Police (SP) holds some of the requested information.**

- I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding dogs seized and put down under the Dangerous Dog Act.
- Please can you provide the following:
  - 1 ) The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
  - 2) The number of dogs put down under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
- **- Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 22112 Dangerous Dog Act Data'. Data is only recorded on the system used to service this request from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. With regards to question 2, these are destruction orders issued by the courts under the Dangerous Dog Act.**

- 3) The number of dogs seized per year since 2019, broken down by breed type. Please include the 'XL Bully' / 'American Bully' and all other breed types. If possible, clarify which months are included in the year 2025. – **This question would attract a Section 12 exemption due to exceeding the time and cost threshold of the FOI Act; therefore this question has been withdrawn as requested.**
- Please provide the data in Excel format:
  - Requests 1 and 2 in a single Excel file
  - Request 3 in a separate file (if compiling the data for point 3 is too time-consuming, you can disregard this part of the request).

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional records 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.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

### **Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure**

#### **1. Who Can Ask for a Review**

Any person who has requested information from SP, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

#### **2. How to Request a Review**

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

[IAT@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:IAT@staffordshire.police.uk)

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team  
Staffordshire Police HQ  
PO Box 3167  
Stafford



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The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the SP response to the original FOI request.

### **3. Review Procedure**

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty working days.

The independent supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, considering the matters raised by the complaint.

### **4. Conclusion of the Appeal**

On completion of the review the independent supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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