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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011089/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/07/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How does the police force deal with dogs that are seized?***
- 2. What criteria do you use to categorise a dangerous dog under section 3 of the Dangerous Dog Act?***
- 3. How many dogs have been euthanized on scene and at a later date over the last five years, and if they were considered a banned breed or not, and the rationale behind the decision-making (May 2020/21 - May 2023)***
- 4. How many dogs have been seized over the last five years from May 2019 - May 2023, if they were considered a banned breed or not and the rationale behind the decision-making of seizing the dog?***
- 5. Who are the contracted kenneling providers for this police force?***
- 6. What is the maximum dog capacity the force has for seized dogs in The Dog Unit?***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested for Q3 about which destroyed dogs were banned breeds would need us to interrogate various systems to collate this information and in any case the accuracy of the information would be doubtful. With this it is anticipated it would take over 18hrs work to provide this information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need the removal of the question about banned breeds that have been destroyed. Not all dogs are examined by a dog legislation officer, so the identification of type/breed is often by the owner and not GMP. Providing a response to the remainder of this request should then be possible. However, the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk