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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/002481/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/06/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

As a freedom of information request, please provide monthly and annual totals from 2018 up until the most current date available at the point of production for the following:

- The number of times an offence with home office code 008/21 (Owner of a dog allowing it to be dangerously out of control in public place and cause injury) has been recorded
- The total number of dogs seized each year
- The number of dogs destroyed each year.

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.

CAVEATS

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains crimes recorded under the below Home Office code with a created date between 1st January 2018 and 20th June 2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

- 008/21 Owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether in a public place or not) injuring any person or assistance dog.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

Seizures include all dogs seized by the force including Dangerous Dog Act 1991 offences, Animal Welfare offence and other reasons. Other reasons include assaults, affrays, worrying, breaches of court orders and often puppies that are brought in with a bitch which has been seized for a Dangerous Dog or AA offence.

Destructions include dogs shot at the scene, dogs that died in kennels and dogs that were destroyed on the advice of two vets - usually Animal Welfare Act cases, dogs that were disclaimed by the owner and not suitable for rehoming and destruction orders from court.

Month and year	Number of 008/21 crimes
Jan-18	56
Feb-18	58
Mar-18	59
Apr-18	85
May-18	114
Jun-18	98
Jul-18	97
Aug-18	83
Sep-18	58
Oct-18	67
Nov-18	63
Dec-18	55
Jan-19	73
Feb-19	61
Mar-19	68
Apr-19	81
May-19	101
Jun-19	76
Jul-19	79
Aug-19	76
Sep-19	65
Oct-19	57
Nov-19	44
Dec-19	56
Jan-20	50
Feb-20	53

Mar-20	62
Apr-20	63
May-20	91
Jun-20	93
Jul-20	76
Aug-20	92
Sep-20	84
Oct-20	47
Nov-20	52
Dec-20	55
Jan-21	57
Feb-21	60
Mar-21	55
Apr-21	86
May-21	69
Jun-21	102
Jul-21	81
Aug-21	96
Sep-21	102
Oct-21	80
Nov-21	69
Dec-21	65
Jan-22	64
Feb-22	68
Mar-22	96
Apr-22	97
May-22	123
Jun-22	130
Jul-22	125
Aug-22	137
Sep-22	124
Oct-22	124
Nov-22	86
Dec-22	83
Jan-23	94
Feb-23	92
Mar-23	111
Apr-23	113
May-23	182
Jun-23 (to 20th)	116

Year	Dogs Seized	Dogs Destroyed
2018	99	35
2019	115	50
2020	109	32
2021	119	26
2022	358	107
2023 (Up to 25/06)	250	107