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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1763/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/04/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the period 1st January 2022 to the 31st December 2022 please supply the following information;

- 1) How many dogs were seized in connection with the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?*
- 2) How many dogs died unexpectedly whilst in the custody of Greater Manchester Police?*
- 3) How many dogs whilst in the custody of Greater Manchester Police became ill and were subsequently euthanised on veterinary advice in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 2006?*
- 4) How many of the dogs that died subject to (2) and (3) above were sent for veterinary forensic postmortem?*
- 5) On the occasions that a veterinary forensic postmortem was conducted were the results given to the owners of the said dogs?*
- 6) If a seized dog becomes ill whilst in your care, do you a) inform the owner immediately, b) inform the owner after veterinary treatment, c) do not inform the owner at all?*

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.

- 1) In 2022, 225 were seized either for section 3 Dangerous Dogs Act (DDA) offences or suspected of being banned, contrary to section 1 DDA 1991. Although other dogs were seized for other reasons such as Animal Welfare Act 2006 offences, worrying livestock and assaults.
- 2) No dogs died unexpectedly.
- 3) 1 dog was euthanised which had been seized for Section 3 DDA 1991 offences. 1 dog was euthanised which had been seized for Animal Welfare Act offences 2006. Both following advice from vets.
- 4) In 2022 we only sent the bodies of 2 dogs for a Necropsy.
- 5) In both these incidents the evidence from the Necropsy is part of the prosecution.
- 6) In the cases above we have consulted with the owners prior to the dog being euthanised.

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