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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011341/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide the number of dogs destroyed by the force from 1 September 2020 to 1 September 2023?

Could this data be broken down by a) year, b) reason that the dog was destroyed, c) what breed the dogs were.

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:

"Died in kennels" is mainly where a dog has become unwell, and we have obtained the opinion of two vets to say it would be more humane to destroy the dog.

For the requested period, records were not always taken of type or breed of dog seized, so for 01/09/2020 to 31/12/2022 no information is held regarding the breed of dog. However, GMP

did start to record this information in late 2022. I have supplied the breakdown of type or breed for the 1/01/23 to 01/09/23 period only.

Results by year, between 1/09/20 and 1/09/23;

1/09/2020 – 31/12/2020. Eight dogs, 7 disclaimed by the owner, 1 court order.

1/01/2021 – 31/12/2021. Twenty seven dogs, 24 disclaimed by the owner, 2 court order, 1 died in kennels.

1/01/2022 – 31/12/2022. One hundred and two dogs, 90 disclaimed, 4 shot at scene by Police, 2 court order, 4 died in kennels and 2 no owner (unable to rehome).

1/01/2023 – 01/09/2023. Eighty one dogs, 76 disclaimed, 2 shot by Police at scene, 2 died in kennels and 1 no owner (could not rehome).

Border Collie – 1
British Bulldog – 7
Bull cross breeds – 8
Pit Bull Terriers – 6
Malinois – 3
Alpha Blue Bulldogs – 3
Cane Corso – 2
GSD – 3
XL Bully – 18
SBT (and crosses) – 9
French Bulldogs – 2
Akita – 3
Patterdale – 2
Lurcher – 1
American Bulldog – 7
Dobermann – 2
Rottweiler – 1
Shih Tzu – 1
Whippet – 1
Mastiff – 2