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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012843/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did your force seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?

- 1.1. For each S1 dog seized the average length of time between seizure and court hearing.**
- 1.2. For each S1 dog seized the cost per day per dog for kennelling.**

2. The number of dogs seized as suspected prohibited types, deemed by the courts as being of each of the different banned types:

- Pit Bull Terrier**
- Dogo Argentino**
- Japanese Tosa**
- Fila Brasileiro**

3. How many Section 3 offences were taken to court?

- 3.1. Of these how many were Section 3 offences including a dog of a type proscribed under Section 1 of the DDA?**
- 3.2. For each dog involved in an Section 3 offence, what was their breed or type?**

4. How many dogs were seized for S1 offences and euthanised?

- 4.1. How many of those were each of the four banned types?:**
- Pit Bull Terrier**
- Dogo Argentino**
- Japanese Tosa**
- Fila Brasileiro**

CLARIFICATION

this email is to clarify that the time frame in regards to this request is from the 1st of January to the 30th of June 2023.

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.

The below information is for the time period 1st January 2023 to 30th June 2023.

Question 1

A total of 39 dogs seized suspected section 1.

Question 1.1

No information held as we do not hold the average numbers. Each one is dependant on the time for officers to investigate, this can be days to 3 years plus.

Question 1.2

Costs are approximately £18 per day.

Question 2

39 Pit Bull Terriers (PBT) and then 14 established to be PBT. Prior to the XL Bully ban.

Question 3

For information relating to how many offences were taken to court, GMP does not hold this information and you will need to redirect your request to the relevant courts.

A total of 144 were seized for Section 3 DDA 1991 offences. 58 of these dogs were destroyed. Some of these were also for offences such as assault, Section 1 Animal Welfare Act 2006 Offences.

Breeds are as below; however, this was before the Government defined XL Bully and made it illegal to possess.

Breed	Total
Pocket Bullies	7 – Note some of these might now have been typed XL Bullies
Cane Corso	2
American Bulldog	11
Patterdale Terrier	2
Shar Pei	2
Border Collie	2
Pit Bull Terrier	5
Afgan Hound	1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier (and Crosses)	19
English Bull Terrier	1
Dogue De Bordeaux	2
GSD	7
Bull Crosses	26 - Note some of these might now have been typed XL Bullies
Malinois	3
British/English Bulldog	7

Jack Russell	1
XL Bullies	25
Lurcher	1
Rottweiler (and Crosses)	3
Mastiff	1
Dobermann (and Crosses)	3
Atika	2
Pointer	1
St Bernard	1
French Bulldog	2
Alapha Blue Blood Bulldog	2

Question 4

7 dogs were destroyed that had been seized for Section 1 and established they were Pit Bull Terriers.