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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013299/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Total number of typed XL bully dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act since 31st December 2023?

2. How many of the above dogs are:

- A. In police kennels awaiting court?***
- B. At home on interim exemption awaiting court?***
- C. Euthanised due to being an unclaimed stray?***
- D. Euthanised by court order?***
- E. Euthanised due to owner signing the dog over to the police?***
- F. At home after exemption being granted in court?***

3. How many suspected XL bully dogs have been seized and deemed not type?

4. How many dogs of different breeds have been seized since 31st December 2023 and what breeds were they?

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 that some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To provide the breakdown of requested information in this FOI request would require a manual review of over 300 entries to be able to confirm if the seized dog was an XL bully along with the breakdowns

in question 2. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per log, it would take in the region of 25hrs to retrieve the data required.

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 you are requesting will need revising to a shorter time frame and/or a reduction in the volume of information required. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request. I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

A previous FOI request from July 2024 may hold some information relative to this request. See below.

[foi.24.012843.q-dogs-seized-under-the-dangerous-dogs-act.pdf \(gmp.police.uk\)](#)