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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013247/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide yearly figures for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 along with monthly figures for 2024 to 31st August for each of the following questions:

- 1. The number of dogs seized under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act***
- 2. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act***
- 3. The number of dogs seized under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act***
- 4. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act***
- 5. The number of people charged each year under the offence Possession of a Dangerous Dog, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, s.1***

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.

- Dogs are seized for section 1 and section 3 offences of the DDA 1991, but on some occasions for both.
- Figures provided are up to 08/10/2024 due to the way we record this information.
- Since 2021, old recordings have been moved across to the new reporting system, however we are aware of a system issue meaning not all data has transferred successfully. For this reason, the data provided is what we currently hold on our system.

Questions 1-4.

2019	Seized	Destroyed		2022	Seized	Destroyed
Section 1	31	8		Section 1	42	8
Section 1/3	17	8		Section 1/3	16	10
Section 3	62	30		Section 3	176	82
2020	Seized	Destroyed		2023	Seized	Destroyed
Section 1	15	4		Section 1	45	6
Section 1/3	11	4		Section 1/3	18	2
Section 3	52	23		Section 3	310	135
2021	Seized	Destroyed		2024	Seized	Destroyed
Section 1	11	4		Section 1	386	135
Section 1/3	6	2		Section 1/3	50	18
Section 3	56	20		Section 3	244	102

Question 5.
No information held.