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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015128/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the period: 1st January 2025 to the 30th June 2025

- 1. How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did your force seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA).***
- 1.2. For each S1 dog seized the average length of time between seizure and court hearing.***
- 1.3. 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 five different banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa Fila Brasileiro American Bully XL .***
- 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 a 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 American Bully XL***

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.

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

GMP would not be able to respond to this request in full without completing a manual review of over 100 records of dogs being seized. This information is not held in a central location and so this would be the only method to obtain the data for questions 1.2 and question 2. Each case file along with checking court systems to see if we hold this data would have to be trawled through and this would

take approximately 15 minutes per each one. This means any response would take in the region of 25hrs to provide the required information.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduction of information requested. However, 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 that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). 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.

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