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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015196/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1. The number of dogs seized by your police force from November 2023 to the most recent available date.*
- 2. The number of dogs put down/euthanised/put to sleep by your police force over the same period under the Dangerous Dogs Act.*

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.

Please note – This is what GMP believe is the most accurate figures due to multiple system changes during this time period.

1. From the beginning of November 2023 until 13/08/25 we have seized 1,765 dogs.
2. Of these 632 dogs have either been destroyed by a vet or in a few cases been dispatched at the scene by firearm or taser. This does not include any that died in kennels from natural causes.