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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014141/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Since 31st December 2023, how many incidents have you attended, that has involved dogs of a banned breed type?*
2. *Since 31st December 2023, how many dogs have you seized for being a suspected banned breed type?.*
3. *How many banned breed types, have died whilst being held in police approved kennels, since December 31st 2023?*
4. *How many banned breed types, have been destroyed at the scene of an incident by your firearms officers since December 31st 2023?*
5. *The cost of policing dangerous dog incidents, has said to have risen since 31st December 2023. The interim exemption scheme is available to all forces, would this be something you would consider implementing to reduce those associated costs?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 1 would involve a manual search of all incident logs relating to out-of-control dogs to see if the incident involved a banned breed.

According to the [publicly available information on our website](#), there were 1,640 crimes recorded in 2024 for the offence of **008/21 "Owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether in a public place or not) injuring any person or assistance dog"**. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 137 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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