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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015471/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to current date:

1. *How many dogs were seized by your force?*
2. *How many of these dogs (1.) died while being held in pounds?*
3. *How many of these dogs (1.) were later euthanised by a vet?*
4. *Of the dogs that were euthanised (3.) how many were either suspected or assessed to be XL Bullies.*
5. *How many dogs that were seized (1.) were returned to their owners?*

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.

CAVEATS

During this period, GMP's Dog Legislation Officers have worked off three different databases. During transition between databases, there has been a loss of some data, poor recording and some corruption of data, however we are addressing this weekly. The information provided is what is currently held.

Answers for Q1 are all dogs seized for Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Animal Welfare Act 2006, other offences (assaults, worrying livestock etc), strays and from mid-2024 they also include dogs, prisoner property, following deaths of owners and abandoned.

Answers for Q2 were not recorded in 2023.

Answers for Q3 are mainly dogs destroyed humanly by a vet, but also a few shot at scene by police.

For questions 4 and 5, the dogs destroyed, and the ones returned to owners does not match the grand total in Q1. This is because the others are either still in kennels or have been rehomed.

The data for 2025 is correct as of the 08/10/25.

	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
2023	536	No information held	185	53	274
2024	1145	2	424	168	540
2025	632	0	216	51	235