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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016153/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1. Please state how many dogs were reported as stolen in your area in 2025:

	2025
Reports of dogs being stolen	

Q2. Over the same timeframe, please state how many of these cases were resolved (i.e. the pet was returned to its owner):

	2025
Cases of dogs being returned	

Q3. If possible, please state the three most commonly stolen breeds of dog and the number of each taken, in 2025:

Stolen dogs	Breed #1		Breed #2		Breed #3	
	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count
2025						

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:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 where the HO 5-digit code is 049/03 (abduction of pet dog/cat), excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

Following a search using the HO code mentioned above, a manual review of almost 50 results was carried out. Please see the number records located.

1. 23
2. Zero – This is based on the information recorded on our systems. It may be that some dogs were recovered however we do not hold that information for this FOI
3. Information not recorded. This is based on the information recorded on our system for these particular offences.