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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016453/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information relating to reports your force has received about dogs attacking or chasing livestock since 1 January 2021 - December 2025:

- 1. The number of reports your force has received where a dog was reported to have attacked or chased livestock (please include a yearly breakdown: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).***
- 2. The number of fines and fixed penalty notices issued as a result of these reports, broken down by year.***
- 3. The number of dogs seized under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 (Section 2), broken down by year.***

Clarification

For Question 1, please use Home Office offence code:

11105 – Owning or person in charge of dog worrying livestock on agricultural land

11121 – Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control (summary offence)

If incidents involving dogs attacking or chasing livestock are recorded under any other Home Office offence codes or classifications, I would be grateful if you could advise.

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.

1. No information held that matches this FOI as per your clarification.
2. No information held. Please refer to HMCTS.
3. The following data relates to dogs seized for worrying livestock.
 - 2021 – None
 - 2022 – 4
 - 2023 – 2
 - 2024 – None
 - 2025 – 1
 - 2026 to date - None