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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011871/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like information relating to procedures/policy relating to what should happen to a dog when a suspect is arrested and they have a dog with them.

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 see below the relevant extract from GMP's Policy for The Management of Property Directory

Please Note – This policy is currently part of a wider process review and may be subject to change.

This extract has been redacted to allow for disclosure.

6.1.4 Dogs belonging to persons in police custody

In the circumstance where an individual is the owner or keeper of a dog, and the individual is consequently has arrested, or is otherwise in police detention, the Officer in the Case should ensure that the dog is suitably housed with the consent of the owner /keeper, with a friend, relative, or other nominated person. (Responsibility defined under the Animal Welfare Act 2006).

Where this is not possible, XXX will facilitate the kennelling of the animal on behalf of the police. If the individual is consequently charged with an offence, it is advised that officers seek re-numeration for kennelling costs through the CPS, or from the individuals directly.