

Request reference: 2770/09

**1) What number of dogs have been seized by your police force between 28/02/09 and 31/07/09 under section 1 of Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?**

104

**2) What number of dogs have been seized by your police force between 28/02/09 and 31/07/09 under section 3 of Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?**

22

**3) What number of dogs have been seized by your police force between 28/02/09 and 31/07/09 as being used in a crime?**

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**4) How many dogs held by your police force have died or been destroyed as a result of unknown cause, illness or behavioural issues while in your care (if known please give details) between 28/02/09 and 31/07/09 ?**

0

**5) What is the total cost covered by your police force, for kenneling, vet treatment, legal bills and any other associated costs for holding seized dogs under the DDA between 28/02/09 and 31/07/09?**

This information will be held by each individual Operational Command Unit. Please note that researching each individual Operational Command Unit would exceed the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12 (1)).

The cost of compliance with your request is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond, i.e. the cost of confirming or denying that the information is held would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. For West Midlands Police, the appropriate limit is set at £450, as prescribed by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, S.I. 3244. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

**6) Does your force have a policy regarding leaving dogs at home prior to hearings under 4b of the Dangerous dogs act? If so please supply a copy of the policy.**

Please find attached a copy of our Policy on Dangerous Dogs.

**7) How many dogs have been left at home under any leave at home policy between 28/02/09 and 31/07/09?**

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