



**HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY**

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By email only to:

Dear

Thank you for your request for information on the number of dogs seized by Hertfordshire Constabulary in 2008 – 2009.

I am able to confirm that your request has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) and following enquiries within the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Dog Unit, I have answered your questions below.

1. In relation to the 2009 calendar year can you please state how many dogs your force has seized under the powers of the Dangerous Dogs Act? If possible please provide a breakdown of the breeds/types of dogs that have been seized. Also please state how many of the dogs seized in 2009 have been (a) destroyed, (b) returned to their owners or (c) still confiscated but their future has not been determined.

SEIZED 2009	DISCLAIMED AND DESTROYED	RETURNED TO OWNER AS NOT PROHIBITED OR DANGEROUS	RESULT NOT DETERMINED YET	BREEDS SEIZED
42	15	11	19	ALL BULL TYPE

2. Could you provide answers to all the above questions but in relation to dogs seized in 2008?

SEIZED 2008	DISCLAIMED AND DESTROYED	RETURNED TO OWNER AS NOT PROHIBITED OR DANGEROUS	RESULT NOT DETERMINED YET	BREEDS SEIZED
11	3	6	0	ALL BULL TYPE

3. What is the longest period of time that a dog has been housed by the police while a decision over its future has been conducted? What was the name and breed of the dog? When and where was it seized? How long was it housed by the police and when this came to an end was it returned to its owner or destroyed? What did the bill for its accommodation and associated expenses (food etc) come to?

No information is held.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Duarte

Freedom of Information Assistant

Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. If you decide to request such a review and having followed Hertfordshire Constabulary's full process and you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.