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Dear Sir / Madam,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 3642/12**

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012, which was as follows:-

***I would like to know how many suspected dangerous and/or illegal dogs you have seized in total under the Dangerous Dogs Act since June 2010.***

***I would also like to know how many of the above dogs were seized because they were suspected banned breeds, and how many were seized because of their dangerous behaviour.***

***In addition, please tell me how many people were charged under the Act following these seizures, and how many of the dogs were returned to their owners with no further action taken.***

Your request has now been considered and the information you are seeking can be found below:-

In the date range 01/06/2010 - 31/12/2011, 140 dogs have been seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act. From the records held, we can state that 123 of these dogs were suspected to be an illegal breed; and 13 were deemed to be dangerously out of control. Please note that centralised records of dangerous dog incidents have only been collated from June 2010 onwards and some earlier entries on this database may not be as detailed as they now are - hence we cannot confirm which type of seizure applied to the 4 outstanding animals seized.

Of the seized dogs, 16 were returned to their owners with no further action taken; and 48 of these dogs were not returned to their owners. In this date range, 55 individuals were charged with dangerous dog related offences.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Data Protection and Information Officer, Corporate Support and Information Services – Information Compliance & Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to [information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk). Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information

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Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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