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Benjamin Lickley – by E mail

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2019 / 331

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear Benjamin,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 concerning the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having consulted our Tri-Froce Operations Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

**You wrote:**

Please could you provide the following information, broken down by financial year for the last 3 years:

- Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991.
- How many dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 where released under interim exemption scheme.
- Total kennelling costs for dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991.
- Number of court cases and their outcome relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991, please break this down as follows:
  - Dog found not to be type
  - Dog destroyed
  - Dog returned to owner under exemption scheme -outcome not yet known.
- Total cost of dealing with cases and incidents relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991.



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- Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 that were returned as not being type before a court case.
- Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 destroyed before a court case.
- How many working hours have been spent dealing with incidents and cases relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991.

### **Our response:**

The answers to each of your questions are as follows :-

#### Q1

The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 have been as follows :-

2016	4
2017	7
2018	2

#### Q2

The number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 which were released under interim exemption scheme have been as follows :-

2016	1
2017	1
2018	0

#### Q3

The total kennelling costs for the last 3 Financial Years has been as follows :-

2016-2017	£5171
2017-2018	£7790
2018-2019	£4843

#### Q4

The number of Court Cases and their Outcomes by year have been as follows :-

2016 - 4 Court cases

- Dog found not to be type –NIL
- Dog destroyed -1 Non-compliance with Court order
- Dog returned to owner under exemption scheme -outcome not yet known. - 3

2017 - 6 Court Cases

- Dog found not to be type –NIL
- Dog destroyed - 1
- Dog returned to owner under exemption scheme -outcome not yet known. - 5

2018 – 1 Court Case and 1 Court Case Pending

- Dog found not to be type –NIL
- Dog destroyed – 1 Non-compliance with Court Order
- Dog returned to owner under exemption scheme -outcome not yet known. Nil

(Pending court case)

Q5

Wiltshire Police are not able to answer this question as no information is held in respect of this data.

Q6

The number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 that were returned as not being type before a court case is NIL.

Q7

The number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 destroyed before a court case is 1 – this animal was put to sleep after being disclaimed by the owner.

Q8

Wiltshire Police are not able to answer this question as no information is held in respect of this data.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny  
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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## **Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure**

### **1. Who Can Ask for a Review**

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

### **2. How to Request a Review**

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

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Wiltshire Police Headquarters,  
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Email at [disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

### **3. Review Procedure**

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

### **4. Conclusion of the Appeal**

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 01625 545 700  
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