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L. A. Jourdan
By email

Date: 6 December 2017

Your ref:

Our ref: FOI 2017-967

Reply contact name is: Sue Mayell

Dear L. A. Jourdan

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10 November 2017 concerning the Dangerous Dogs Act.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Finance and Tri-Force departments at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

Your questions and our responses:

I write with reference to The Dangerous Dogs Act, 1991 (amended), under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1) How many dogs were seized by your force in the in the most recent full year for which you hold records (please provide date range) under S1 of the Act? **42 between 1 November 2016 and 31 October 2017.**
- 2) How many of these dogs seized in the aforementioned period have been exempted? **25**
- 3) How many of these dogs seized in the aforementioned period have been released as non type (found to have been non-banned breeds)? **1**
- 4) How many of these dogs seized in the aforementioned period were then destroyed? **13**
- 5) Of these, how many were disclaimed by their owners during the aforementioned timeframe? **8**
- 6) How many dogs were put on the Interim Exemption Scheme before going to court during the aforementioned time frame? **4**



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- 7) What are your kennel costs in relation to dogs seized under the Act for the aforementioned time period? £14,390 (Wiltshire Police costs only)
- 8) Were there any litters of puppies of seized dogs destroyed whilst the parent dog was kennelled in the aforementioned period? 0

Please note that since the 7th April 2014, police dogs, roads policing, armed policing and collision investigation has been delivered as part of the Tri Force Specialist Operations Collaboration between Avon and Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Police. Therefore this response provides collective information from all three police force areas for questions 1 – 6 and 8.

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

Sue Mayell
Force 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,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at 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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