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Information Rights Unit PO Box 313 Sidcup DA15 0HH

Email: foi@met.police.uk

www.met.police.uk

Your ref:

Our ref: 01/FOI/21/018631

25/03/2021

Dear Brian Slack,

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 01/FOI/21/018631

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on . I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the number of reported dog thefts and attempted dog thefts by borough per month for 2019 and 2020.

SEARCHES TO LOCATE INFORMATION

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted on The Met Police website (https://www.met.police.uk/search?q=dashboard). The searches located information relevant to your request.

DECISION

I am pleased to inform you that the information requested is held by the MPS and is already in the public domain. The information can be accessed via the following:

Website: https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/met/stolen-animals-dashboard/

I trust that this satisfies your enquiry and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the MPS.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact me using the email or postal addresses at the top of this document, quoting the reference number for this request.

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Data Office Triage Team Information Rights Unit

LEGAL ANNEX

The information requested has been identified as being accessible via other means as it is already published. Where information is already in the public domain we are not required to re-publish the data; instead public authorities are required to direct you to the information, which we have done in this instance. This action is in accordance with section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act and this response serves as a section 17(1) notice. If you have any questions on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome to discuss the response with the case officer who dealt with your request.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the MPS made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the MPS to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing, within forty (40) working days from the date of the refusal notice, and addressed to:

FOI Complaint Information Rights Unit PO Box 313 Sidcup DA15 0HH foi@met.police.uk

In all possible circumstances the MPS will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the MPS if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, write to or phone:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Phone: 0303 123 1113