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Dear Ms Bottle

**RE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL
INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004**

Thank you for your email dated 8 October 2011 and received by the Council on 10 October 2011 requesting information concerning stray dogs.

The information you request is considered to be "environmental information" therefore your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations.

I will deal with each of the questions raised in your email in turn.

1. How many stray dogs entered pounds between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2010 = 96
2. How many of these were reclaimed by their owners? = 42
3. How many were adopted from the pound?
GBC does not hold this information
4. How many went to an animal rescue? = 54
5. How many were euthanized?
GBC does not hold this information
6. What happened to any remaining dogs that did not fall into above categories?
GBC does not hold this information
7. Do you keep any records as to which dogs were chipped?
Yes

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8. Do you keep any records as to the breed of the dogs?

Yes

9. How many dogs entered the pound on more than one occasion?

GBC does not hold this information

I confirm that the Council does not hold the information which relates to questions 3; 5 ; 6 and 9 of your request.

In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under Regulation 14.

The Council applies the exception in regulation 12(4), which states that a public authority may refuse to disclose the information to the extent that it does not hold that information when the request is received.

Regulation 12 states:

“12.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (9), a public authority may refuse to disclose environmental information requested if—

*(a) an exception to disclosure applies under paragraphs (4) or (5); and
(b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.*

...

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that—

(a) it does not hold that information when an applicant’s request is received;”

I have also considered the public interest test under regulation 12(1)(b) above i.e. notwithstanding this exception, is there a greater public interest in providing the information or in maintaining the exception?

In considering the public interest test, I am satisfied that it is in the public interest not to provide information which the Council does not hold.

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If you are still not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint then you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF Telephone 01625 545 700 or www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Baguley'.

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