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13-OCT-11

Dear Ms Bottle,

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS – RESPONSE TO REQUEST

Your request for information received on 08-OCT-11 has now been considered.

Please note: On this occasion we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This is because your enquiry relates to the environment. Requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 deal with non-environmental information. These regulations include a number of exceptions which specify circumstances where a public authority would not be required to release information to a requestor.

You requested: How many stray dogs entered pounds between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2010?

Our response: 1698 dogs

You requested: How many of these were reclaimed by their owners?

Our response: 743 dogs were returned to their owners

You requested: How many were adopted from the pound?

Our response: 896 dogs were re-homed

You requested; How many went to an animal rescue?

Our response: All dogs not reclaimed by their owners are transferred to the ownership of either Deerness Kennels or Strayaid Kennels for re-homing. Both of these are animal rescue charities.

You requested: How many were euthanized?

Our response: We have a no destruct policy so all dogs go to the kennel to be rehomed, unless they are in ill health or have behavioural problems. During 2010

30 dogs had to be euthanised due to ill health or injury, and 2 were euthanised because of behavioural issues.

You requested: What happened to any remaining dogs that did not fall into above categories?

Our response: We don't hold information of what happens to dogs once they are transferred for re-homing.

You requested: Do you keep any records as to which dogs were chipped?

Our response: Yes

You requested: Do you keep any records as to the breed of the dogs?

Our response: Yes

You requested: How many dogs entered the pound on more than one occasion?

Our response: We only record that a dog has entered the kennels.

I hope that this information is of assistance, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

The Information Management Team