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Our Ref : JDJ/FOI/248/21  
Your Ref :  
Date : 21 June 2021  
Ask For : Joan Jones  
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Dear Ms Sparkes

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your email received 14 June 2021 requesting the following information:-

- “1. What is your policy on managing stray dogs in your local authority area?
2. How many stray dogs did your local authority take responsibility for each year between 2018-2020?
- a)How many were then adopted?
  - b)How many went to animal rescue?
  - c)How many were euthanized?
  - d)What happened to any dogs who did not fall into the above categories
3. Of the dogs adopted or went to rescue please provide a breakdown year by year of the number of dogs to each organisation.”

The Council is treating your request as having been made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”).

When dealing with requests for information, the Council’s obligations include:

- (1) confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- (2) communicating the information requested to the applicant. You should note that this is effectively a decision that the information can be released into the public domain and not simply to the specific applicant.

Under the Act, the Council is required to release any information that it holds to you unless an exemption applies.

## Response to your request

I confirm that the information you have requested is held and I can give you the following: -

1. Dogs seized as strays are taken to our contracted kennels and retained for the statutory period of 7 clear days. Dogs not claimed are transferred to the rescue facility at the kennels for re homing.
2.

	2018	2019	2020
Stray Dogs	43	94	20
a) Adopted	0	0	0
b) Rescue	16	15	7
c) Euthanized	1	2	2
d) Remainder of dogs were claimed by the owner.			
3. All rescued dogs are transferred to the same organisation.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may ask the Council for an internal review of the decision within 20 working days. Someone other than the person who took the initial decision will conduct the internal review. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Civic Links and FOI Officer at the above address. If, following the internal review, you are still not happy with the outcome; you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Fax: 01625 524 510

Web site: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/> where you can start a live chat.

If you have any further queries, please contact me either in writing at the above address or by telephone on 01773 841601 and quote your ID No 248/21.

To help us to improve the quality of our responses to future Freedom of Information requests, any feedback you may have on this response would be appreciated. A copy of the Council's Customer Comments leaflet is attached to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Joan D Jones (Mrs)  
Civic Links & FOI Officer