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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1021/24 Dangerous dog data by year

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 14th of November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Yes please - can I submit the same FOI but to reflect the year by year breakdown.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information for questions 1 and 2 has been extracted from records held on the Constabulary's Crime recording system for incidents and offences under Home Office code 008/21 for the date period 01/01/2021 until the 09/10/2024

Information for questions 3 - 6. has been provided by the Constabulary's Dog Section and is based on records held by that Team.

Question 1-

Number of recorded incidents under incident type 'dangerous dog' between 01/01/2021 - 09/10/2024 broken down per year

Incident Type	Year				Grand Total
	2021	2022	2023	2024	
DANGEROUS DOG	57	101	114	103	375

Question 2-

Number of recorded crimes for offence 008/21 between 01/01/2021 - 09/10/2024 broken down per year

Offence	Year				Grand Total
	2021	2022	2023	2024	
008/21	233	304	328	304	1169



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Please note that the differing numbers between incidents and crimes can be because multiple crimes can be recorded from a single incident (such as multiple victims from a single dog, or even in cases where the incident is not dog related, but a dangerous dog is encountered during this process).

Question 3&4-

	2021	2022	2023	2024 to Oct	Total
Akita		4		3	7
Basset Hound			1		1
Beagle	2				2
Belgian Malinois	1		1	2	4
Bulldog (incl American, English and French)	1	4	12	11	28
Cane Corso		1			1
Cockerpoo				1	1
Collie			2	4	6
Chihuahua				2	2
Doberman	1		1	2	4
Dogue de Bordeaux			1		1
German Shepherd		8	2	2	12
German Pointer			1		1
Glen of Imaal Terrier			2		2
Husky		2			2
Jack Russell		1	2	1	4
Labrador				1	1
Lurcher	2	1	4	2	9
Mastiff		2	2		4
Terrier	1	2	2	7	12
Perro de Persa Canario			1	1	2
Pitbull		4	1	4	9
Pocket Bully				2	2
Pomeranian			1		1
Poodle		1	1		2
Rottweiler		2	1		3
Scotty				1	1
Staffy	1	7	5	7	20
Staffy Cross	2	3	3	6	14
St Bernard				1	1
Springer Spaniel				3	3
Whippet			2	2	4
XL Bully	2	6	9	40	57



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Unknown	3	3	5	5	14
Total	16	51	62	108	237

Question 5&6-

	2021	2022	2023	2024 to Oct	Total
Akita		1		2	3
Basset Hound			1		1
Beagle	1				1
Belgian Malinois			1	1	2
Bulldog (incl American, English and French)	1	1	4	3	9
Collie			2		2
Doberman			1		1
Husky				1	1
Lurcher			1	2	3
Mastiff			2	1	3
Terrier				1	1
Perro de Presa Canario				1	1
Pitbull		1	3	4	8
Rottweiler		1			1
Staffy		4		1	5
Staffy Cross	1	2	1		4
St Bernard				1	1
Springer Spaniel				1	1
Whippet			1	1	2
XL Bully	1	1	8	21	31
Unknown			2	1	3
Total	4	11	27	42	84

With regards to dogs which are destroyed following seizures under Section 1, or Section 3, of the Dangerous Dogs Act, this typically only occurs where a destruction order is made by a Court following a prosecution, or in cases where a dog is disclaimed by its owner. In cases where an owner has disclaimed a dog, due to the nature of incidents which result in the seizure, rehoming a dog may not be a viable option, resulting in the dog being put to sleep.



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Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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