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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 254/25 Dog thefts

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 26th of February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act Data concerning the theft of dogs within your area over the period 2019-2024.

In particular, I would like this information broken down by LSOA area and by year.

I wish to be able to show the number of dogs stolen by year by LSOA area.

I would appreciate it if the data could be supplied in a CSV format showing the year, LSOA and the number of thefts.

If possible, I would like to know the breed of dog stolen.

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 provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system.

Please note that the Breed is obtained via a manual review of each report as breed is not a recordable field in our Crime System. Breeds are also not definitive of pedigree, the Breeds listed may include cross breeds of those types.

Answer –

For the period requested Cumbria Constabulary have recorded 160 crime reports in relation to stolen dogs. The number of dogs stolen from these crime reports is 198 dogs.

The below table shows the number of dogs stolen by breed and area broken down by year.

Sum of No of Dogs							Grand Total
Breed	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Allerdale							
Bichon Frise			1				1



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Border Terrier	1							1
British Bulldog					1			1
Chihuahua		1	1					2
Collie	1							1
Dachshund		1						1
French Bull Dog	1	1		1				3
Golden Retriever					1			1
Husky						2		2
Jack Russell	1					1		2
Labrador	1	1						2
Not Specified			1		1			2
Pitbull	1							1
Sheepdog		1						1
Spaniel	1			1				2
Staffordshire Bull Terrier					1	1		2
Terrier			1			1		2
Whippet		1						1
Barrow-in-Furness								
Bull Mastiff		1						1
Bull Terrier X		1						1
Bulldog			1					1
Chinese Crested			1					1
Collie	1							1
Dachshund					1			1
Doberman				2				2
French Bull Dog				1				1
German Shepherd			1					1
Lurcher		1	1					2
Not Specified		1	1	1	3			6
Spaniel	1		1	1		2		5
XL Bully						1		1
Carlisle								
American Bulldog					2			2
Beagle	1							1
Boxer		2						2
British Bulldog				1	1			2
Bull Mastiff		1	1		1			3
Cavapoo		1						1
Chow Chow					1			1
Cockapoo					2			2
Collie				1	1			2
Dachshund				1	1			2
French Bull Dog	2		3	1		1		7
German Shepherd				1				1
Jack Russell			1			1		2
Labrador			1			1		2
Lurcher			1	2				3
Not Specified		1	2		2	3		8



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Rottweiler		1				1	2
Shih tzu					1		1
Spaniel		2	2	1	1	3	9
Staffordshire Bull Terrier		2			2	1	5
Yorkshire Terrier	1						1
Copeland							
Cockapoo						2	2
Collie	2						2
French Bull Dog				2			2
Jack Russell		2					2
Not Specified		13			1		14
Rottweiler						1	1
Spaniel			1	2			3
Staffordshire Bull Terrier				1	2	2	5
Terrier		1					1
Whippet		1					1
Eden							
Chihuahua			1				1
Collie		1	6		1		8
French Bull Dog				4		1	5
Lurcher				9		4	13
Staffordshire Bull Terrier					2		2
Terrier	1						1
Whippet	1						1
South Lakeland							
Collie	1	1					2
French Bull Dog				1			1
Jack Russell			1				1
Lurcher						1	1
Not Specified			2			2	4
Patterdale					1		1
Rottweiler						1	1
Sheepdog	1						1
Spaniel		1	1	1			3
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1						1
Unknown							
German Shepherd						1	1
Jack Russell		1					1
Lurcher		2					2
Retriever			1				1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier				1			1
Whippet		1					1
Grand Total	20	44	34	36	30	34	198



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Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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



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