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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 314/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 12 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How much the force has spent on kennelling banned breeds or the XL Bully since the ban came in. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the costs since February 2024 up to and including February 2025.***
- 2. How much more has the force spent on staffing the dog section of the force since the ban came in, and how many staff did this budget pay for.***
- 3. Has the force received more funding for kennels/staffing the XL Bully Ban or has this been redirected from other areas of policing.***

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.

Question 1

Cumbria Constabulary does not identify the kennelling costs by specific breed, only the whole costs of kennelling all seized dogs. Accordingly, I have determined that the Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested.

Question 2

The Constabulary has not employed any additional staff to deal with the increased workload, it has been staffed by Specialist Dog Section Officers to complete seizures, assessments, and examinations. These officers have been redirected from other core functions within the Dog Section and supported also by staff in other Operational Support departments.

Question 3

The Constabulary has not received any additional funding, the costs have been redirected from the existing Force Policing Budget.

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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