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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 728/25 Dangerous Dogs

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 16th July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

For the period: 1st January 2025 to the 30th June 2025.

1. *How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did your force seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA).*
 - 1.1 *For each S1 dog seized the average length of time between seizure and court hearing.*
 - 1.2 *For each S1 dog seized the cost per day per dog for kennelling.*
2. *The number of dogs seized as suspected prohibited types, deemed by the courts as being of each of the five different banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa Fila Brasileiro American Bully XL .*
3. *How many Section 3 offences were taken to court?*
 - 3.1 *Of these how many were Section 3 offences including a dog of a type proscribed under Section 1 of the DDA?*
 - 3.2 *For each dog involved in a Section 3 offence, what was their breed or type?*
4. *How many dogs were seized for S1 offences and euthanised?*
 - 4.1 *How many of those were each of the four banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa Fila Brasileiro American Bully XL*

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 in response to your request has been provided by the Constabulary's Dog Section.

Please note that the figures provided relate to the initial reason for seizure. It is possible that the reason can change over time as for example a dog may initially be seized for a Section 3 offence but can then change to a Section 1 offence.

Question 1.

In the timeframe requested there were:

- 10 American XL Bully dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA).
- 4 Pitbull Terrier dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA).

Question 1.1.

No information held; the information requested is not currently recorded.



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Question 1.2.

The cost per day per dog for kennelling is £30 including VAT.

Question 2.

In the timeframe requested there were:

- 15 suspected American XL Bully dogs seized.
- 4 suspected Pitbull Terrier dogs seized.

Question 3.

There were 3 crimes recorded under offence '008/21 - Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place' with an outcome of 'charge' between 01/01/25-30/06/25.

Question 3.1.

There is no reference in any of these crimes of the dog being a banned breed.

Question 3.2.

One crime describes a Staffordshire Terrier, the other two crimes have no mention of breed.

Question 4.

There were 11 dogs were seized and euthanised since 1st January 2025.

Question 4.1

There were 5 euthanised that were American Bully XL.

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.

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