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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1506/25 Seized Dogs

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 13th November 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding dogs seized and put down under the Dangerous Dog Act.

Please can you provide the following:

- 1) The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.*
- 2) The number of dogs put down under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.*
- 3) The number of dogs seized per year since 2019, broken down by breed type. Please include the 'XL Bully' / 'American Bully' and all other breed types. If possible, clarify which months are included in the year 2025.*

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

The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.

Month	Number of dogs seized
2019	
January	1
February	4
March	1
April	1
May	3
June	1
July	3



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August	1
September	4
October	2
November	0
December	0
2020	
January	1
February	4
March	1
April	2
May	1
June	0
July	2
August	6
September	2
October	1
November	2
December	1
2021	
January	1
February	4
March	0
April	2
May	0
June	2
July	1
August	1
September	0
October	5
November	0
December	0
2022	
January	8
February	1
March	8
April	2
May	1
June	12
July	3
August	3
September	5
October	3
November	3



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December	1
2023	
January	3
February	7
March	5
April	7
May	2
June	12
July	9
August	5
September	4
October	5
November	4
December	8
2024	
January	2
February	16
March	16
April	7
May	10
June	16
July	6
August	12
September	9
October	20
November	14
December	10
2025	
January	18
February	8
March	23
April	10
May	8
June	11
July	26
August	10
September	5
October	10
November	6

Question 2.

The number of dogs put down under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.



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Month	Number of dogs put down
2019	
January	1
February	2
March	1
April	0
May	1
June	0
July	0
August	1
September	1
October	1
November	0
December	0
2020	
January	1
February	0
March	1
April	1
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	2
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
2021	
January	1
February	2
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	1
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
2022	
January	2
February	1



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March	2
April	0
May	1
June	0
July	0
August	3
September	1
October	0
November	1
December	0
2023	
January	1
February	1
March	2
April	4
May	1
June	2
July	2
August	4
September	1
October	0
November	2
December	1
2024	
January	1
February	10
March	8
April	3
May	3
June	6
July	3
August	4
September	1
October	3
November	0
December	6
2025	
January	10
February	4
March	5
April	3
May	1
June	2
July	3



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August	2
September	0
October	3
November	0

Question 3.

The number of dogs seized per year since 2019, broken down by breed type.
Please note: the figures for 2025 only go up to November of this year.

2019	
Breed	Number of Dogs Seized
Bulldog breed	2
Chihuahua	1
German Shepherd	1
Mastiff	1
Mastiff Neapolitan	1
Pitbull	4
Staffy	8
Terrier	2
Weimaraner	1
Grand Total	21

2020	
Breed	Number of Dogs Seized
Bulldog breed	2
German Shepherd	1
Lurcher	10
Mastiff	1
Mastiff (Spanish)	1
Staffy	4
Terrier	1
Unknown	3
Grand Total	23

2021	
Breed	Number of Dogs Seized
Beagle	2
Belgian Malinois	1
Doberman	1
French Bulldog	1
Lurcher	4
Patterdale Terrier	1
Staffy	1
Staffy cross	2
Unknown	1



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XL Bully	2
Grand Total	16

2022	
Breed	Number of Dogs Seized
Akita	3
Akita / Husky Cross	1
Border Terrier	1
Bulldog breed	2
French Bulldog	2
German Shepherd	8
Hungarian Vizsla	1
Husky	2
Jack Russell	1
Lurcher	1
Mastiff	1
Mastiff (Italian)	1
Mastiff cross	1
Patterdale Terrier	1
Pitbull	4
Poodle	1
Rottweiler	2
Staffy	6
Staffy	1
Staffy / Bulldog Cross	2
Staffy / Pitbull Cross	1
Unknown	1
XL Bully	6
Grand Total	50

2023	
Breed	Number of Dogs Seized
American Bull Dog	1
Basset Hound	1
Belgian Malinois	1
Border collie	2
Bull Breed	1
Bull mastiff	1
Bull Mastiff (Neapolitan)	1
Bulldog breed	6
Chow Chow	1
Cross Breed from Romania	1
Doberman	1
Dogue de Bordeaux	1
English Bulldog	2



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French Bulldog	1
German Shepherd	2
German Wired Haired Pointer	1
Glen of Imaal Terrier	3
Jack Russell	3
Labrador	1
Lurcher	2
Lurcher / Pit Bull Cross	1
Lurcher Cross	1
Mastiff	1
Mastiff XL Bully	1
Patterdale Terrier	1
Perro de Presa Canario Cross	1
Pitbull	2
Pitbull / Staffy Cross	1
Pomeranian	1
Poodle	1
Rottweiler	1
Staffy/American Pit Cross	1
Staffy	6
Staffy/Boxer	1
Terrier	1
Unknown	3
Whippet	2
XL Bully	12
Grand Total	71

2024	
Breed	Number of Dogs Seized
Akita	2
American Akita	1
American Pitbull	1
Belgian Malinois	1
Belgian Shepherd	1
Border Collie	1
Bull Dog	6
Bully	7
Cane Corso	1
Chihuahua	1
Chow Chow	3
Cocker Spaniel	1
Cockerpoo	1
Collie	4
Collie Cross	1



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Czech Wolfdog	1
Doberman	1
Filo Brasileiro	1
German Shephard	3
Huskey	1
Jack Russell	3
Lurcher	4
Lurcher Cross	2
Mali	1
Mixed	1
Patterdale Terrier	2
Perro de Presa Canario	1
Pitbull	6
Pocket Bully	6
Saint Bernard	1
Scottie Cross	1
Springer Spaniel	10
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
Staffy	6
Staffy Pointer Cross	1
Terrier	3
Unknown	1
Whippet	2
XL Bully	47
Grand Total	138

2025	
Breed	Number of Dogs Seized
Akita Collie Cross	1
Akita X Labrador	1
American Bulldog	2
Belgian Malinois	1
Bull Lurcher	1
Bull Lurcher Cross	1
Bull Terrier	1
Bulldog	6
Chow Chow	4
Collie	23
Czech Wolfdog	1
French Bulldog	3
German Shepherd	2
Greyhound	1
Japanese Akita	1
Labrador	2
Lurcher	5



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Mastiff x Staffy	1
Pitbull	13
Pocket Bully	3
Rottweiler	6
Shih Tzu	1
Springer Spaniel	1
Staffy	6
Staffy Cross	3
Terrier	8
Unknown	8
Whippet Cross	1
XL Bully	28
Grand Total	135

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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