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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 20/25 BANNED/DANGEROUS DOGS

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 7th January 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can you provide the following information for the 2024 calendar year:

- 1. How many suspected banned or dangerous dogs were seized by police*
- 2. How many of the seized dogs were suspected XL Bullies*
- 3. How many banned or dangerous dogs were destroyed by police*
- 4. How many of the destroyed dogs were XL Bullies*

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

The information provided below has been extracted from records held by the Constabulary's Dogs Section.

1. In 2024, 88 dogs were seized by the Constabulary.
2. Of the 88 dogs referred to in response to question 1, 49 dogs were suspected XL Bullies.
3. 35 banned or dangerous dogs were put to sleep. This includes 5 dogs that were seized in 2023.
4. 20 of the dogs which were put to sleep were XL Bullies (including 3 of the dogs that were seized in 2023).

With regards to dogs that are destroyed following seizures under made 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.



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