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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 57/25 – Cat Theft

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

1. *What were the total number of cat theft/abduction crimes in 2024?*
2. *What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft/abduction crime in 2024?*
3. *Please list specific cat breed types with amounts (stolen/abducted in 2024) — or 'breed unrecorded' or 'mixed breed'?*

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

To provide information, searches were undertaken on the Constabulary's Crime recording database for offences under the Pet Abduction Act, using the keyword "cat" to identify data relevant to your request.

Date period searched 01/01/2024 – 31/01/2024

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe a cat, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

Question 1 Answer = 9



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Question 2 Answer =

Outcome	Total
Further Investigation is Not in the Public Interest - Police (named suspect or known suspect capable of being identified)	1
Investigation Complete –Crime Investigated as far as reasonably possible	4
Named Suspect Identified - Evidential Difficulties: Victim NOT Supportive	3
Named Suspect Identified - Evidential Difficulties: Victim Supportive	1
Grand Total	9

Question 3 Answer =

Breed	Total
not recorded	7
Maine Coon Cat	1
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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

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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