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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 96/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 22 January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Freedom of Information request for the following please:

- *Total number of pet thefts in 2019 (January-December)*
- *Total number of pet thefts in 2024 (January-December)*
- *Pet thefts in 2024 (January-December) broken down by type of animal (if possible please use these categories: dogs, cats, livestock, birds, other mammals (e.g rabbits, hamsters) horses, fish, reptiles)*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that 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 provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. A filter has been used to ensure only domestic animals are included in the information provided.

1) Total number of pet thefts in 2019 (January-December)

Month	Count of Crime Number
Jan	3
Mar	5
Apr	1
May	3
Jun	4
Jul	3
Aug	3
Sep	2
Oct	3
Nov	3



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Dec	1
Grand Total	31

2) Total number of pet thefts in 2024 (January-December)

Month	Count of Crime Number
Jan	2
Feb	4
Mar	4
Apr	2
May	3
Jun	6
Jul	3
Aug	7
Sep	5
Oct	4
Nov	6
Dec	1
Grand Total	47

3) Pet thefts in 2024 (January-December) broken down by type of animal (if possible please use these categories: dogs, cats, livestock, birds, other mammals (e.g rabbits, hamsters) horses, fish, reptiles)

Row Labels	Cat	Dog	Fish	Horse	Livestock	Other mammal	Poultry	Reptile	Grand Total
Jan		1			1				2
Feb	2	2							4
Mar		4							4
Apr	1	1							2
May		3							3
Jun		2	1	1			1	1	6
Jul	2	1							3
Aug	1	3		1		2			7
Sep	1	4							5
Oct	2	1	1						4
Nov		5			1				6
Dec		1							1
Grand Total	9	28	2	2	2	2	1	1	47

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.



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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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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