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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 162/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 4 February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Since 31st December 2023, how many incidents have you attended, that has involved dogs of a banned breed type?***
- 2. Since 31st December 2023, how many dogs have you seized for being a suspected banned breed type?***
- 3. How many banned breed types, have died whilst being held in police approved kennels, since December 31st 2023?***
- 4. How many banned breed types, have been destroyed at the scene of an incident by your firearms officers since December 31st 2023?***
- 5. The cost of policing dangerous dog incidents has said to have risen since 31st December 2023. The interim exemption scheme is available to all forces, would this be something you would consider implementing to reduce those associated costs?***

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.

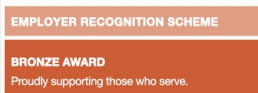
Question 1 = 160

Question 2 = 73

Question 3 = 0

Question 4 = 0

Question 5 = Yes. Cumbria Constabulary do look at the interim scheme as a means of not only reducing costs but also in the welfare interests of the dog. No matter how suitable a kennel environment is the dog will always be more comfortable and happier in its home environment, so if after a robust risk assessment process of all factors involved in a seizure if it was deemed suitable and safeguarding risks can be mitigated it would be considered.



The information provided has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime Recording System. A keyword search using the names of banned dogs; 'Pit Bull Terrier', 'Japanese Tosa', 'Dogo Argentino', Fila Brasileiro and 'XL Bully' has been used.

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 banned dog, 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.

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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