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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00661

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Dangerous Dog Costs

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

Details of the number of "dangerous dogs" and the cost of kennelling, borne by the force, in each of the last five years for which figures are available.

I would like the response to include details of the number of dogs seized in each year, the number placed in kennels, the average stay and the longest stay recorded, the average cost and the total cost of kennelling, and the fate of each dog – ie the number returned to owners, placed elsewhere or destroyed.

Answer

The PSNI do not hold this information. Dangerous Dogs are the responsibility of local councils and therefore when a dangerous dog is seized, the council is responsible for any related costs.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they

investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.