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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-01708

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Other and Multiple Crime/Incident types

Subject: Dogs Destroyed

Request and Answer:

Request 1

How many dogs were destroyed as a result of an attack against a person(s) under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in the year between 01.05.22-30.04.23?

Request 2

How many dogs were destroyed as a result of an attack against a person(s) under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in the year between 01.05.21-30.04.22?

Answers

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

Please note that the 'council dog warden' is legislatively responsible for the seizure of 'dangerous dogs' as per the Dangerous Dogs (NI) Order 1991 as amended within Northern Ireland. PSNI would not tend to seize dangerous dogs for this reason and therefore it appears the PSNI have not seized any dangerous dogs as classified in the dogs order. The dog warden in the local council may be able to assist you further.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road,

Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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