



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

### REQUEST

For the period 1st January to 3th June 2024

1. How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did your force seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA).
  - 1.2. For each S1 dog seized the average length of time between seizure and court hearing.
  - 1.3. For each S1 dog seized the cost per day per dog for kennelling.
2. The number of dogs seized as suspected prohibited types, deemed by the courts as being of each of the five different banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa.  
Fila Brasileiro.  
American Bully XL  
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3. How many Section 3 offences were taken to court?
  - 3.1 of these how many were Section 3 offences including a dog of a type proscribed under Section 1 of the DDA?
  - 3.2 For each dog involved in a Section 3 offence, what was their breed or type?
4. How many dogs were seized for S1 offences and euthanised
  - 4.1 how many of those were each of the five banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa.  
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American Bully XL



## RESPONSE

### **1. How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did your force seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA).**

66 – 1 x Dogo Argentino, 2 x Pitbull, 63 x XL Bully

### **1.2. For each S1 dog seized the average length of time between seizure and court hearing.**

18 dogs which have been seized have had court dates ranging from 17 to 157 days from date of seizure with an average of 69 days.

### **1.3. For each S1 dog seized the cost per day per dog for kennelling.**

From 1st January to 31st May 2024 the cost of kennelling was £24.50 per day per dog. From 1st June to 30th June 2024 the cost of kennelling was £27.50 per day.

### **2. The number of dogs seized as suspected prohibited types, deemed by the courts as being of each of the five different banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa.**

**Fila Brasileiro.**

**American Bully XL**

Of the 18 cases which have so far appeared before court, all 18 were deemed by the courts to be XL Bully types.

### **3. How many Section 3 offences were taken to court?**

**All 18 cases so far have been for Section 1 type dogs, with 2 involving Section 3 offences.**

### **3.1 of these how many were Section 3 offences including a dog of a type proscribed under Section 1 of the DDA?**

2 of these offences involved a Section 1 prohibited dog.

### **3.2 For each dog involved in a Section 3 offence, what was their breed or type?**

24 dogs were involved in a Section 3 offence.

- 1 Pitbull
- 1 Mastiff
- 1 Husky
- 1 Cane Corso
- 1 German Shepherd/Malinois Cross
- 1 Sharpei/Staffie Cross



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- 1 Unknown Bull Breed (Not an XL Bully)
- 1 Chow Chow
- 1 English Bull Terrier
- 1 Staffie Cross
- 3 Pocket Bully
- 11 XL Bully

#### **4.How many dogs were seized for S1 offences and euthanised**

28

#### **4.1 how many of those were each of the five banned types Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentino Japanese Tosa. Fila Brasileiro. American Bully XL**

- 1 x Pitbull
- 1 x Dogo Argentino
- 26 x XL Bully



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**Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.**