



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear requester,

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

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

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

REQUEST

Dear Gwent Police,

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding dogs seized and put down under the Dangerous Dog Act.

Please can you provide the following:

- 1) The number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
- 2) The number of dogs put down under the Dangerous Dog Act per month from January 2019 to the most recent complete month.
- 3) The number of dogs seized per year since 2019, broken down by breed type. Please include the 'XL Bully' / 'American Bully' and all other breed types. If possible, clarify which months are included in the year 2025.

Please provide the data in Excel format:

- Requests 1 and 2 in a single Excel file
- Request 3 in a separate file (if compiling the data for point 3 is too time-consuming, you can disregard this part of the request).

RESPONSE

Please find attached responses to Question 1, 2 and 3.



Please note, the numbers are only for dogs seized and subsequently placed into police approved kennels. We do not have the number of dogs seized who were immediately taken to the vet for euthanasia.

The breeds of dogs for question 3 are the suspected breeds of the dogs upon their seizure and not confirmed breeds. In the case of banned breeds, some of those mentioned will have been confirmed to not have been a banned type by a Dog Legislation Officer, and therefore the data requested cannot be used for numbers of banned breeds seized, only numbers of suspected banned breeds.

Please note, every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete.

Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain, and therefore freely available to the public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

If, upon receiving a response to a freedom of information request, you are unhappy with the outcome, you may request an internal review. **This should be made within 40 working days of the initial response.**

Please direct any internal review requests to FOI@gwent.police.uk

You have the right to request an appeal from the Information Commissioners Office about your Freedom of Information request, if you are dissatisfied with your internal review response.

ICO Contact Details:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.