

10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## **Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190723**

### **REQUEST**

1. *Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991.*
2. *How many dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 where released under interim exemption scheme*
3. *Total kennelling costs for dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991*
4. *Number of court cases and their outcome relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991, please break this down as follows:*
  - a. *-Dog found not to be type*
    - *dog destroyed*
  - b. *-dog returned to owner under exemption scheme -outcome not yet known.*
5. *Total cost of dealing with cases and incidents relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991*
6. *Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 that were returned as not being type before a court case*
7. *Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 destroyed before a court case*
8. *How many working hours have been spent dealing with incidents and cases relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991*

### **CLARIFICATION**

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/kennelling-costs-ref-20180767/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/seized-dogs-ref-20180782/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/seized-dogs-ref-20182048/>

### **FROM THE REQUESTER**

*I've have made some notes on my request based on the information you have sent over.*

3. *Total kennelling costs for dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 - In request 20180767 you have provided the information for the act as a whole is this information available covering only dogs seized under section one of the act. If not please just provide the figures for 17/18 as these are incomplete in request 20180767.*

*The information is not available in the other requests for the remaining questions.*

*To clarify the date ranges please brake the information down in to 2017/2018, 2016/2017, 2015/2016 financial years.*

## **RESPONSE**

I approached the Administrator to assist with your request. She has provided the following:

*To clarify the date ranges please break the information down in to 2017/2018, 2016/2017, 2015/2016 financial years*

- 1. Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991.**  
*17/18 - 86 16/17- 88 15/16 - 98*
- 2. How many dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 where released under interim exemption scheme** *n/a*
- 3. Total kennelling costs for dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991** *n/k*
- 4. Number of court cases and their outcome relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991, please break this down as follows:**
  - a. -Dog found not to be type** *17/18 - 17 16/17- 19 15/16 - 22*  
*- dog destroyed 17/18 - 43 16/17- 43 15/16- 56*
  - b. -dog returned to owner under exemption scheme -outcome not yet known.** *n/k*
- 5. Total cost of dealing with cases and incidents relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991** *n/k*
- 6. Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 that were returned as not being type before a court case** *n/a*
- 7. Number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991 destroyed before a court case** *n/a*
- 8. How many working hours have been spent dealing with incidents and cases relating to section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991** *n/k*

To explain the above further, the administrator has explained:

Q2 & 4b – as a force we do not send home

Q3- The force has one overall budget , it is not broken down by Section 1.

Q5 & 8 – This is part of day to day running costs/ policing duties.

Q6 & 7 – this is not our process. There is no court process in the first place if the dog is not confirmed as type.