



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000118-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

- 1) *"How many dogs did your Police force report as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016?"*
- 2) *For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, what breeds were they in each case?*
- 3) *For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, what was the age of dogs in each case?*
- 4) *For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, where were the dogs when they were taken? E.g. from the home, garden etc.*
- 5) *For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, how many dogs were later recovered and returned to owner?*
- 6) *How many cases of reported stolen dogs were investigated?*
- 7) *How many successful prosecutions did you complete for dog theft in 2014, 2015 and 2016?*
- 8) *Linked to the question above, what was the outcome of the prosecution in each case i.e. what was the outcome for the offender?*
- 9) *How many successful prosecutions did you complete for a stolen dog under another offence, such as burglary, in 2014, 2015 and 2016?*
- 10) *Linked to the question above, what was the outcome of the prosecution in each case?"*

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 5 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded concerning the theft of dogs, during the 2014 – 2016 calendar years.



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There were a total of 41 theft offences recorded where the property was recorded as a dog, for the three years requested.

The additional details requested can be found on the attached excel spreadsheet, where recorded.

Please note that the Constabulary does not hold prosecution data, however we have provided the police outcome as an alternative.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.