



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 001169-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 25 March 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

*"Please could you provide the following information, broken down by financial year for the last 3 years:*

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:*
  - Dog found not to be type*
  - dog destroyed*
  - 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"*

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 8 April 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

Please note the information is held and provided in financial year as opposed to calendar year.

1. The total number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dog's act 1991, is as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
Norfolk	3	3	1
Suffolk	3	3	1

2. 1 dog in Norfolk and 1 dog in Suffolk where released under the interim exemption scheme
3. The kennelling costs for dogs seized under section one of the Dangerous Dog's Act 1991 are incorporated within all kennelling expenditure and is not held as a separate number.

To assist, the total kennelling costs for the Constabularies is provided in the table below:

Financial Year	Norfolk	Suffolk
2015/16	£13,875	£2,247
2016/17	£7,262	£3,134
2017/18	£12,321	£8,833

4. The number of court cases relating to section one of the Dangerous Dog's Act 1991, is as follows, by outcome:

Court Case Outcome	Norfolk			Suffolk		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Dog found not to be type	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dog destroyed	1	0	0	1	2	0
Dog returned to owner under exemption scheme	1	0	0	0	1	0
Outcome not yet known	0	2	0	0	0	0

5. Information concerning the cost of dealing with cases and incidents relating to section one of the Dangerous Dog's Act 1991 is not information that is held. Such costs will be embedded within usual policing budgets as it is not a cost category in its own right.
6. The number of dogs seized under section one of the Dangerous Dog's Act 1991 that were returned prior to a court case, is as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
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Norfolk	1	0	1
Suffolk	2	0	1

7. The number of dogs seized under section one of the Dangerous Dog's Act 1991 that were destroyed prior to a court case, is as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
Norfolk	1	0	0
Suffolk	1	2	0

8. Hours worked is not information that is held. Such will be embedded within the usual duties of all relevant police officers and support staff and is not quantifiable from the data held within the duties system.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the  
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Police Headquarters  
Martlesham Heath  
Ipswich  
Suffolk  
IP5 3QS  
OR  
Email: [information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 40 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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Wilmslow  
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