



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001863-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 3 June 2020 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"How many dogs were seized by your force within the last 12 month period under the Dangerous Dog or Animal Welfare legislation?"*
2. *What was the cost of kennelling those dogs during that period?"*
3. *What was the cost of providing veterinary treatment for those dogs?"*
4. *How many of those dogs suffered from any form of illness or injury which required veterinary treatment whilst detained in police custody?"*
5. *How many of those dogs died in police custody other than through court ordered euthanasia?"*

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4 June 2020

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

1. The total number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog or Animal Welfare legislation, is as follows:

\*2020 data to 4 June 2020

Norfolk: 2019 = 18    Suffolk 2019 = 7

Norfolk: 2020 = 9    Suffolk 2020= 6

2. 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.
3. The Constabularies do not hold costs specifically in relation to the provision of veterinary treatment for these dogs. Such costs are included within the kennelling invoices as they are part of the overall dogs cost and are not provided separately. The kennels get charged by the vets and this cost is added to the dogs kennelling cost
4. The number of those dogs that suffered illness or injury which required veterinary treatment whilst detained in police custody, is as follows:

Norfolk 2019 = 0    Suffolk 2019 = 0  
Norfolk 2020 = 1    Suffolk 2020 = 0

5. The Constabularies have never had a dog die through illness or injury in Police Kennels.

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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