

26th October 2017

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20171757

REQUEST

Please provide the following if possible under an FOI request:

- 1) The number of stolen pets OR crimes reported involving stolen pets in 2016 (1 January – 31 December) and in 2017 from 1 January to 30 September, specifically:**
 - **Cats**
 - **Dogs**
 - **Horses**
 - **Other small pets eg hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs etc**
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- 2) If recorded, the breed of dog stolen and numbers for each breed for 2016 (1 January – 31 December) and in 2017 from 1 January to 30 September.**
- 3) Please provide locations involving the theft of a dog. Eg house/garden/shed/street etc. For 2016 (1 January – 31 December) and 2017 (1 January - 30 September).**

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS system is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She provided me with the enclosed data and the following explanation of her search criteria:

I have included a count of offences recorded where the following property sub classes have been recorded as stolen on the CMS crime register where the reported date is between 01-Oct-2016 and 30-Sep-2017. I used the reported date as this is the date used in the previous request 20161234.

CATS
DOGS
HORSE,PONY,DONKEY ETC
LIVESTOCK PETS

I have also included a count of the quantity recorded as stolen as we expect a count of stolen property to exceed a count of offences as more than one item of property can be recorded on any offence.

I have included a count of crime scene premises types from where the property class was stolen. Again, we expect this to exceed a count of offences as more than one premises type can be recorded on any offence.

Please note – some offence may have been recorded in accordance with the principal crime rule.

[Principal Crime Rule](#)

IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS CRIME.

As the breed/type of animal is not mandatory, the Administrator also provided information – where recorded – from the Free Text field, which I have manually reviewed and extracted any animal type/breed which is named and I have included this with the other information provided by the CMS Administrator.

Please note I have also attached your previous response we provided 17th November 2016 as that gives you the figures and information you have requested from 01/01/2016 to 30/09/2016 already.