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REQUEST

Please will you provide the following statistics for 2017, or for the last available financial year:

- 1. What period do your answers relate to?***
- 2. How many dogs were seized by your force as prohibited breeds during the last available 12 month period?***
- 3. How many dogs were seized by your force as dangerous dogs during the last available 12 month period?***

If it is not possible to differentiate whether dogs were seized on suspicion of being dangerous or as a prohibited breed, please give the total figure.

- 4. Of those dogs:***
 - a. How many dogs were disclaimed and destroyed without a court order?***
 - b. How many were returned as not being a prohibited breed?***
 - c. How many applications were brought by your force for a destruction order under section 4B of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?***
 - d. How many prosecutions were brought for an offence connected with a prohibited dog under s1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?***
 - e. How many dogs were returned to their owners/keepers under the interim exemption scheme which applies to prohibited dogs?***

RESPONSE

I approached our Facilities Management Department for assistance with your request. Our Contracts Administrator has provided me with the following information in response:

1. What period do your answers relate to?
2017
2. How many dogs were seized by your force as prohibited breeds during the last available 12 month period?
63
3. How many dogs were seized by your force as dangerous dogs during the last available 12 month period?
60

If it is not possible to differentiate whether dogs were seized on suspicion of being dangerous or as a prohibited breed, please give the total figure.

4. Of those dogs:
 - a. How many dogs were disclaimed and destroyed without a court order? 56
 - b. How many were returned as not being a prohibited breed? 25
 - c. How many applications were brought by your force for a destruction order under section 4B of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991? 10
 - d. How many prosecutions were brought for an offence connected with a prohibited dog under s1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991? See below
 - e. How many dogs were returned to their owners/keepers under the interim exemption scheme which applies to prohibited dogs? 15

4d Prosecution detail is not something which we hold, this information may be available from the CPS / Ministry of Justice.