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REQUEST

Please can police state how many incidents of a dog being stolen has been reported to South Yorkshire Police for the calendar years 2017/2018/and so far in the calendar year 2019 between January 1 and August

- 1. Please show the figures in a table for Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham. For example 2017 - Sheffield – 20 Rotherham – 10 Doncaster – 15 Barnsley – 10 Etc***
- 2. Also please show the dog breeds that have been stolen in descending order from the highest to the lowest for the whole of South Yorkshire.***

RESPONSE

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

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS(ii) Data – I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Jan-2017 and 04-Dec-2017 where the Property Sub Class is DOG and is recorded as Stolen. The recording of the breed of dog is not a mandated requirement, however this may be recorded within the Property Free text field

CONNECT Data - I have included a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Aug-2019 where the Property Class 3 is DOG and the Property Status is Stolen. The recording of the breed of dog is not a mandated requirement, however this may be recorded within the Initial MO free text field. The Quantity field is not a mandated requirement within CONNECT, therefore some quantities are recorded as 0 and the total will not be accurate.

Some offences will be recorded in accordance with the Principal Crime Rule –

The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) - IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS

The Data Returns Officer also provided me with the Raw Dataset. Whilst the breed of dog is not a mandated requirement, I have reviewed the MO and/or free text field and extracted breed details where mentioned.