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REQUEST

Please can I now request the following in reference to stolen dogs and cats:

Q1. Please state how many dogs and cats were reported as stolen in your area for the following timeframes:

	2016	2017	2018 (Jan-Feb)
Reports of dogs being stolen			
Reports of cats being stolen			

Q2. Over the same timeframes, please state how many of these cases were resolved (i.e. the pet was returned to its owner):

	2016	2017	2018 (Jan-Feb)
Cases of dogs being returned			
Cases of cats being returned			

Q3. If possible, please state the three most commonly stolen breeds of dog and the number of each taken, in the following timeframes:

Stolen dogs	Breed #1		Breed #2		Breed #3	
	Type	Count	Type	Count	Type	Count
2016						
2017						
2018 (Jan-Feb)						

Q4. If possible, please state the three most commonly stolen breeds of cat and the number of each taken, in the following timeframes:

Stolen cats	Breed #1		Breed #2		Breed #3	
	Type	Count	Type	Count	Type	Count
2016						
2017						
2018 (Jan-Feb)						

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Systems Analyst for assistance with your request. She conducted a search of our 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 this date onwards. Due to difficulties with the way in which the data is extracted, data from our new CONNECT system is currently presented separately.

Each of these systems record complaints or allegations of those matters which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes' and using the criteria above our Crime Analyst has provided the enclosed data and the following explanation:

CMS (II) DATA

I have included a count of the property sub class DOGS and/or CATS which have been recorded as stolen on the CMS(ii) crime register where the recorded date is between 01-Jan-2016 and 04-Dec-2017.

Please note – 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.

There is no mandated requirement to record the breed of dog or on CMS(ii) and as such it is not possible to give an accurate indication of the most commonly stolen breed.

CONNECT DATA

In addition to the above, I have included an additional sheet, CONNECT. The tables here, have been created using data extracted from the new crime management system CONNECT, where the offence was recorded as above and the property recorded as stolen is DOGS and/or CATS, however it is a nil return for the Property class –CATS.

I have included the premises type if recorded, however I cannot currently provide other property details due to data quality issues we are experiencing at this time, we are currently working to ensure that all our data extracts and reports are of the same data quality and format and any issues will be notified accordingly.

I have reviewed the free text 'Initial Mo' field of CONNECT and no breeds are recorded for the 9 dogs recorded as stolen. No Recovered Dates are currently recorded for the data extracted from CONNECT.

Please note – the data sets are extracted from a live crime recording systems, therefore data may differ from previous similar requests.