

4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190223**

**REQUEST**

*Please could you update with all figures for 2018?*

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

		<b>2018</b>
Reports of dogs 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):**

		<b>2018</b>
Cases of dogs 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	
	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count
2018						

**Q4. Over the same timeframe, how many individuals were arrested in your area for theft of a dog?**

		<b>2018</b>
Number of people arrested		

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator 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 CONNECT system which records crimes from Dec 2017 onwards

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

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

*Please see the attached data and the below explanation.*

[CONNECT DATA](#)

*I have included a count of offences recorded on CONNECT for crime between 01-Jan-2018 and 31-Dec-2018 where the Property Class 3 id DOGS or CATS and the Property status is STOLEN or STOLEN RECOVERED.*

*Of this count, I have included a breakdown of the Offence outcome.*

*I haven't included a count of offenders due to the ongoing issues. As previously stated, PMU has taken the decision that we are unable to provide data regarding suspects i.e. outcomes, ages, gender etc. due to data quality and accuracy issues and because the query would be based on the offender's outcome, I cannot currently fulfil this request for CONNECT.*

*I have also included a breakdown of the Property Class 3 and the Property status, however some quantities have been recorded as 0, therefore this total will not be accurate as the Quantity field is not a mandated requirement.*

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

I have manually checked each incident to collect Breed details. These are in the free text box and not a mandatory requirement. Of the incidents, 9 contained the Breed and I have included them in the box below.

Breed	Count
Maltese	3
Pug	2
Staffy	2
French Bull Dog	2
Jack Russell	1
Yorkshire Terrier	1
Pug/Chihuahua cross	1
Japanese Akita	1