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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20200531

REQUEST

I have detailed the request below.

Q1. Please state how many dogs were reported as stolen in your area in 2019:

	2019
Reports of dogs being stolen	

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

	2019
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 2019:

Stolen dogs	Breed #1		Breed #2		Breed #3	
	Name	Count	Name	Count	Name	Count
2019						

RESPONSE

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

He conducted a search of the CONNECT system which records crimes for 2019

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

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

Please find attached the completed FOI 2020_0531.

Unfortunately we are not able to answer Q3 as this is not recorded in a field. It might be within the free text field but this not searchable and is not always present.

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, five contained the Breed and I have included them in the box below.

Breed	Count
English Springer Spaniel	1
American Bull Dog	1
Greyhound	2
Husky Cross	1

