

Response to Request for Information

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Seizure of Stray Dogs

Request:

This request is split into three sections and if held, I would greatly appreciate if you could provide answers to the following in the tables provided. For the purposes of this request the word 'seized' may also be taken to mean 'collected'.

[Please see our response in the tables you provided on the next page.](#)

SECTION 1 – SEIZURE OF STRAY DOGS

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 to date |
|--|------|------|--------------|
| 1. What was the <u>total number</u> of stray dogs seized by your authority? | 624 | 533 | 298 |
| 2. Of the stray dogs seized, what was the total number of dogs <u>rehomed by your authority</u> ? | 248 | 170 | 110 |
| 3. Of the stray dogs seized, what was the total number of dogs <u>put to sleep/disposed of by your authority</u> ? | 149 | 105 | 75 |

SECTION 2 – SEIZURE OF STRAY DOGS, BY BREED

| | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 to date | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | Breeds | No. of dogs | Breeds | No. of dogs | Breeds | No. of dogs |
| 1. What were the top three most <u>seized</u> stray dog breeds by your authority? How many of each? | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 239 | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 171 | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 101 |
| | 2. Crossbreed | 65 | 2. Crossbreed | 70 | 2. Crossbreed | 30 |
| | 3. Jack Russell Terrier | 45 | 3. Jack Russell Terrier | 30 | 3. Jack Russell Terrier | 19 |
| 2. Of the seized stray dog breeds, what were the top three most <u>rehomed</u> breeds by your authority? How many of each? | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 87 | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 58 | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 45 |
| | 2. Crossbreed | 32 | 2. Crossbreed | 26 | 2. Crossbreed | 12 |
| | 3. Jack Russell Terrier | 32 | 3. Jack Russell Terrier | 15 | 3. Jack Russell Terrier | 8 |
| 3. Of the seized stray dog breeds, what were the top three most disposed of breeds by your authority? How many of each? | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 78 | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 50 | 1. Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 34 |
| | 2. Crossbreed | 19 | 2. Crossbreed | 16 | 2. Crossbreed | 10 |
| | 3. German Shepherd | 10 | 3. Rottweiler | 6 | 3. Jack Russell Terrier | 5 |

SECTION 3 – SEIZURE OF BANNED DOG BREEDS – further information about banned dog breeds can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/banned-dogs>

| | 2014 | | | | | 2015 | | | | | 2016 to date | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Pit Bull Terrier | Japanese Tosa | Dogo Argentino | Fila Brasileiro | Banned breed cross | Pit Bull Terrier | Japanese Tosa | Dogo Argentino | Fila Brasileiro | Banned breed cross | Pit Bull Terrier | Japanese Tosa | Dogo Argentino | Fila Brasileiro | Banned breed cross |
| How many of each of the following banned dog breeds was <u>seized</u> by your authority? | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the banned dog breeds seized by your authority, how many were <u>put to sleep/ disposed of</u> ? | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |