| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0379  Responded to: 11 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many dogs were reported to you as stolen in 2024?

## Of those dogs stolen, how many dogs were then returned to their owners in 2024?

## What were the top three breeds stolen in 2024?

In response to your request, the table below provides details of numbers of dogs stolen and recovered, broken down by breed, where recorded, for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 inclusive.

The data has been sourced using the property details recorded in the National Unifi crime system for theft based crimes.

| Breed | Stolen | Recovered |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Not Recorded | 21 | 16 |
| Bull Mastiff | 2 | 2 |
| Bull Terrier | 3 | 1 |
| Bulldog | 14 | 6 |
| Chihuahua Long | 1 | 0 |
| Chow Chow | 1 | 1 |
| Collie Border | 2 | 0 |
| Dachshund Smooth | 1 | 1 |
| Labrador | 2 | 2 |
| Lurcher | 2 | 0 |
| Other | 10 | 7 |
| Poodle | 1 | 1 |
| Retriever Curly | 2 | 0 |
| Spaniel Cocker | 1 | 0 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 6 March 2025

The data was extracted using the crime raised date and where the property stolen (for theft based crimes) was recorded as 'Animal > Dog' within the National Unifi crime system.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.