| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-2611  Responded to: 02 November 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**As a freedom of information request, I am seeking information as to which canine breeds are used for different tasks within the police forces in the UK.  
Specifically what breeds and how many of each breed do you use/ have for:  
1. Search and Rescue  
2. Detection  
3. Apprehension  
4. General Patrol Dogs  
5. Other (please specify)**

The following tables detail all Police Scotland police dogs by breed and purpose:

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| **Dogs in Training** | |
| German Shepherd - GP | 2 |
| Malinois - GP | 8 |
| Dutch Herder - GP | 0 |
| German Shepherd/ Malinois cross - GP | 1 |
| Cocker - Drugs | 1 |
| Sprocker - EDD | 1 |
| Sprocker - Drugs | 1 |
| Springer - DEDD | 3 |
| Labrador - VR | 1 |
| Labrador - Drugs | 2 |
| Total | 20 |
| **Active General Purpose Dogs** | |
| German Shepherd | 36 |
| Malinois | 18 |
| Dutch Herder | 4 |
| German Shepherd/ Malinois cross | 3 |
| Total | 67 |
| **Active Drugs/ Weapons/ Currency dogs** | |
| Cocker | 7 |
| Labrador | 4 |
| Springer | 16 |
| Sprocker | 5 |
| Total | 32 |
| **Active Explosive Detection Dogs** | |
| Cocker | 4 |
| Labrador | 4 |
| Springer | 2 |
| Sprocker | 1 |
| Total | 11 |
| **Active Victim Recovery Dogs** | |
| Cocker | 2 |
| Labrador | 2 |
| Total | 4 |

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.