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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many police dogs are currently operational 2024

As of 22/08/2024 we have 110 operational dogs of different disciplines.  
Please note this constantly changes with dogs being retired or injured and with recruitment fluctuations.

## How many police dogs are currently not operational due to injury, ailment, sickness 2024

As of 22/08/2024 we have 2 dogs that are not operational due to injury, ailment or sickness.

## How many police dogs in training 2024

As of 22/08/2024, we have 37 operational dogs of different disciplines in training.   
Again, this is a constantly changing figure due dogs retiring, being injured or recruitment fluctuations.

## How many police dogs procured from 2010 to 2020.

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. To explain, we do not hold data that goes back this far.

## How many police dogs were purchased from breeders in the uk. How many from the EU.

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

I can however advise that most of our dogs are purchased within the UK but not exclusively.

## How many police dogs were bred from Police breeding

Zero dogs were bred from police breeding as we do not have a breeding project.   
The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

## How many police dogs were gifted or purchased from UK dog rescues and which rescues

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.  
I can however advise that we do source a lot of our specialist dogs from rescues centres and we have a number of operational dogs that are rescue dogs in all disciplines.

## How many police dogs failed to meet standards. Did they get returned to vendor, breeder or rescue

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.  
I can however advise that when we source dogs, part of the agreement is that they will be returned if they are not suitable or we will find suitable homes for them, depending on the reason for their non suitability to be a Police dog.

## How many police dogs have been successfully rehomed 2010 – 2024 How many police dogs failed rehome and were they returned to unit or euthanised

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.  
I can however advise that most retired dogs remain with their handlers.

## How many police dogs have been euthanised due to Sickness, injury, ailment, Behaviour, safety, treachery

## How many police dogs have been euthanised due to accident, injury or ailment on duty 2010-2024

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.  
We do not maintain these figures.

## What is the current budget for rehoming 2024

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.  
I can however advise that if the dog needs rehomed, we do what is necessary to ensure it happens safely. It is generally at zero cost.

## How many registered clinical behaviourists work with rehoming police dogs

There are currently no registered clinical behaviourists working with rehoming police dogs.

## How many police dogs died in kennels, vehicles, in enclosures 2010-2014 How many police dogs died on duty 2010-2024

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.  
This is not something that we record.

## How many police dogs were rehomed to their handlers or families 2010-2024 How many police dogs were rehomed to the general public 2010-2024

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.  
I can however advise that most of them were rehomed to their handlers or families, and very few were rehomed to the general public.

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.

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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.