| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1478Responded to: 7th June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to request the number of dogs that have bitten someone (child or adult) and have been charged under the dangerous dogs act, in the last 5 years.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation there is no simple way to extract the data that you require. The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each crime report created on our systems to determine relevance. This is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

To be of assistance, data regarding the relevant Scottish offence classification 'Keeping dogs under prop ctrl, contrary of an order' can however be found online at [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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 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 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.