| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2882  Responded to: 22 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

## From 1 February to 30 September 2024, how many suspected XL bully type dogs in your force area:

## Have been seized and held in police kennels?

## Have been destroyed by police?

## Have been destroyed by a vet or other professional after being seized by police?

## Have been seized and later returned to their owners?

## Have died while in police kennels?

## How many suspected XL bully type dogs are currently being held in police kennels?

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.

To explain, we would have to individually review all dangerous dog crime reports and associated records to establish circumstances.

We can however advise, once a dog has been seized, Police Scotland take no further part in its care.

Licensed kennels are based across Scotland and Police Scotland utilise the nearest kennel facility to where the dog has been seized.

Individual local authorities license the kennelling facilities that are used by Police Scotland for stray and dangerous dogs and therefore they are responsible for all aspects of the dog’s welfare and care.

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.