| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-0247Responded to: 02 February 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**We plan to discuss pet theft off the back of the new law announced last week that could be introduced in England, Wales and Northern Ireland that will make stealing pets a crime in its own right.**

**I was wondering whether the Scotland Police may have collated figures on the number of recorded crimes of this nature that took place for the year ending 2023?**

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 are unable to search thefts by type​​​. To provide the information you have requested, we would need to carry out a manual check of each theft to see if related to an animal.

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.