| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2568Responded to: 28 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please could I request the following information

## - The number of dangerous dogs kept in kennels in the years:

## 2024 (to date), 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

## - The cost of keeping dangerous dogs in kennels in the years:

## 2024 (to date), 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

I regret to inform you that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, 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 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.