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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 26 March 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 01/03/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

When a dog is seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. And owner is asked to disclaim their dog or voluntarily does so.

- 1. Do you give the owners a chance to seek advice and to rescind that disclaimer?*
- 2. Where an owner disclaims their dog, do you have or allow a cooling off period, allowing the owner to rescind it before the dog is euthanized?*
- 3. If so, what period of time do you allow?*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

1. The owners of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act are offered the chance for legal advice prior to interview. In Leicestershire, a dog will only be disclaimed by the owner at the time of seizing if they have volunteered information to say that they no longer want to be the owner of the dog/don't want the dog back. Sometimes owners will want to disclaim their dogs during the interview stage and this can be done either within the interview or just after the interview.
2. Leicestershire Police do not have a set cooling off period however if a dog is disclaimed, it is not automatically euthanized. Sometimes the dogs are disclaimed for rehoming.
3. There is no set time period for a disclaimer.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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