



Our Ref: 001569/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 09 June 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 07/05/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

*This request relates to your Dangerous Dog Policy and the use of a disclaimer.
Please may you provide me with:*

1. *The number of disclaimers signed in 2018, 2019, 2020 (I leave the months year spread to you, either Jan to December or April to April). Please split into years separately.*
2. *The number of those disclaimers signed at first attendance of police on owner or first attendance of dog handler/Dog Legislation Officer.*
3. *A copy of the disclaimer you use (this is not a national standard document)*
4. *What is your destruction Policy when a disclaimer is signed? (please be specific - timescale agreed before destruction, role of OIC and DLO in that decision making and when dogs are passed to a rescue).*
5. *How many disclaimers were rescinded (by year please)?*
6. *How many complaints were made regarding the signing/use of a disclaimer and what was the outcome?*
7. *How many of the dogs disclaimed in the above years were destroyed?*
8. *How many were passed to rescue or otherwise rehomed?*
9. *Can you identify the timescale between disclaimer signed and destruction for each one please?*

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. Leicestershire Police recorded the below numbers of disclaimers signed for dogs in the years requested:
 - a. 2018 – 2 for dangerous dogs, 3 for none dangerous dogs
 - b. 2019 – 8 for dangerous dogs, 1 for none dangerous dogs
 - c. 2020 – 1

2. We are unable to provide this, the disclaimer can be signed at various times, sometimes they are disclaimed straight away and sometime this happens later.
3. Please see attached blank copy of the disclaimer form.
4. If an owner wishes to sign a disclaimer they can do so and the dog will then be assessed to see if we are looking at destruction or rehoming. This is all on a case by case basis and the OIC and the DLO will work together to formulate a plan. Final decision on destruction or rehome will be with the DLO. The time scale is not a standard timeframe as it all does depend on each case. Dogs will be passed to a rescue as soon as all information has been obtained and the dog has passed a behavioural assessment with a rehoming centre.
5. Leicestershire Police recorded the below numbers of disclaimers rescinded in the time periods requested:
 - a. 2018 – 0
 - b. 2019 – 0
 - c. 2020 – 1
6. Leicestershire Police do not hold any information relating to this question.
7. Leicestershire Police recorded the below numbers of rescinded dogs being destroyed in the time period requested:
 - a. 2018 – 2
 - b. 2019 – 6
 - c. 2020 – 0
8. Leicestershire Police recorded the below numbers of rescinded dogs passed to rescue/rehomed in the time period requested:
 - a. 2018 – 2
 - b. 2019 – 2
 - c. 2020 – 0
9. The timescale recorded between signing of a disclaimer and the destruction for each:
 - a. 2018
 - i. 3 days at owner request
 - ii. 6 days at owner request where it had already been handed in to a charity to rehome but deemed too dangerous.
 - b. 2019
 - i. 4 weeks
 - ii. 7 days at owner request
 - iii. same day at owner request
 - iv. 8 days
 - v. 17 days
 - vi. 3 days at owner request.
 - c. 2020 – N/A

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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