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Address Correspondence to: Information Management
Date: 16 November 2023

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 26/10/2023. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request specific information under the Freedom of Information Act, pertaining to the seizure of XL Bully dogs by your force from the year 2019 to the present day. I am particularly interested in the following details:

1. *The total number of XL Bully dogs seized under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act.*
 2. *The number of these dogs that were seized under Section 3, specifically those deemed dangerous or out of control.*
 3. *Of the dogs seized, how many were assessed and subsequently determined not to be a banned breed.*
 4. *Among the dogs deemed not a banned breed, how many were returned to their respective owners. If any of the dogs were not returned to their owners, I would appreciate information on their subsequent outcome.*
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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: -

No information held. Please see the below supplementary information provided by the Dog Legislation Officers to assist.

XL-Bullies do not come under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act and so we would not have seized any XL-Bully dogs under Section 1. Whilst it is looking likely that they will be banned by the end of the year, under what Section of the Act this will be has not yet been confirmed.

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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