



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

3 January 2025

FOI Ref 2024/25-095

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 1 January 2025, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

- “1. How, if at all, has the process for recording stolen dogs (under the Theft Act) to abducted dogs (under the Pet Abduction Act) changed in 2024?
2. What were the total number of dog theft crimes in 2024 (monthly breakdown if possible)?
3. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft crime in 2024?
4. How many dogs were listed with each dog theft crime in 2024?
5. If this question doesn't take us beyond the time required for free FOI feedback, can details about stolen dog breed, gender, age, and location of theft (walk, home, garden, outside shop, from car etc) also be provided for 2024 please?
6. If this question doesn't take us beyond the time required for free FOI feedback, can postcode of recorded crime and CRN be included?”

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request and is able to provide the following.

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information requested.¹

The Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

You may also wish to refer to [Police Scotland's Disclosure Log](#).

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@foi.scot or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

SPA Corporate Management

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.