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I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 5th January 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many dogs did your Police force report as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- 2 For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, what breeds were they in each case?
- 3 For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, what was the age of dogs in each case?
- 4 For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, where were the dogs when they were taken? E.g. from the home, garden etc.
- 5 For those dogs reported as stolen in 2014, 2015 and 2016, how many dogs were later recovered and returned to owner?
- 6 How many cases of reported stolen dogs were investigated?
- 7 How many successful prosecutions did you complete for dog theft in 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- 8 Linked to the question above, what was the outcome of the prosecution in each case i.e. what was the outcome for the offender?
- 9 How many successful prosecutions did you complete for a stolen dog under another offence, such as burglary, in 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- 10 Linked to the question above, what was the outcome of the prosecution in each case?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request. The following figures refer the number of stolen dogs and not the number of crimes.

Q1

Year	Number of Dogs Stolen
2014	34
2015	55
2016	13
Grand Total	102

Q2

Year / Breed	Number of Dogs Stolen
2014	34
Chihuahua	5
Cocker Spaniel	3
Dogue de Boredeaux	1

English Bull Terrier X Greyhound	1
French Bulldog	1
German Shepherd	1
Jack Russell Terrier	1
Labrador Retriever	2
Mastif X Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
Norfolk Terrier	1
Pug	4
Rhodesian Ridgeback X Rottweiler	1
Rottweiler	1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	9
Whippet	2
2015	55
Border Terrier X Lakeland Terrier	1
Boston Terrier	1
Bull Terrier	1
Chihuahua	1
Chihuahua X Pug	1
Chihuahua X Yorkshire Terrier	1
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	5
Cocker Spaniel	1
Great Dane	2
Greyhound	1
Husky X German Shepherd	1
Jack Russell X Chihuahua	1
Jack Russell X Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
Kerry Blue Terrier	1
Labrador Cross	1
Labrador Retriever	2
Lurcher	6
Mastiff	1
Patterdale Terrier	1
Poodle X Schnauzer	1
Pug	4
Rottweiler	1
Samoyed	9
Shar Pei	1
Sprocker Spaniel	2
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	4
Tibetan Terrier	1
West Highland Terrier	1
Yorkshire Terrier	1
2016	13
Cocker Spaniel	8
Collie X Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1

Jack Russell X Lakeland Terrier X Patterdale Terrier	1
Rhodesian Ridgeback	1
Rottweiler	1
Welsh Springer Spaniel	1
Grand Total	102

Q3

Year / Age of Dog	Number of Dogs Stolen
2014	34
1 Year Old	1
12 - 16 Years Old	1
12 Years Old	1
14 Months Old	1
14 Years Old	1
2 Years Old	2
5 Months Old	1
5 Weeks old	1
6 Months old	1
6 Weeks Old	5
6 Years Old	3
7 Months Old	1
7 Years Old	1
9 Years Old	1
Not stated	13
2015	55
1 Year Old	2
1 Week Old	4
12 Years Old	1
13 Years Old	1
10 Weeks Old	3
18 Weeks Old	1
2 Years Old	1
2.5 Years Old	1
4 Months Old	1
4 Weeks Old	3
4 Years Old	2
5 Months Old	1
6 - 8 Weeks Old	1
6 Years Old	1
9 Weeks Old	1
9 Years Old	1
Not stated	30
2016	13
10 Months Old	1
6 Years Old	1
7 Weeks Old	7

8 Weeks Old	1
Not Stated	3
Grand Total	102

Q4

Year / Place taken from	Number of Dogs Stolen
2014	34
Front Garden	2
Kennels (belonging to owner)	3
Owner whilst walking	1
Owner's car	1
Owner's Residence	11
Rear Garden	10
Relative of Owner's residence	1
Run in back garden	1
Someone looking after the dog on behalf of owner	1
Tied up on owner's property	3
2015	55
Gumtree sale	2
Kennels (belonging to owner)	18
One month trial of dog	1
Outside Pen	4
Owner's Residence	10
Rear Garden	7
Sale of jointly owned puppies without consent	10
Someone looking after the dog on behalf of owner	2
Tied up outside a supermarket	1
2016	13
Car Park	1
Kennels (belonging to owner)	9
Outside Supermarket	1
Rear Garden	1
Taken without permission	1
Grand Total	102

Q5

Year / Status	Number of Dogs
2014	34
Not Recovered	20
Recovered	6
Unclear	8
2015	55
Not Recovered	43
Recovered	9
Unclear	3
2016	13

Not Recovered	10
Recovered	2
Unclear	1
Grand Total	102

Q6 All of the recorded crimes will have undergone an investigation.

Q7-10 The Constabulary does not hold statistics information regarding court outcomes. Please see below crime outcomes. The figures refer to the number of recorded crimes.

Year / Outcome	Number of Investigations
2014	21
01. Charged/Summons	1
15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	1
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	2
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	13
Not Recorded	4
2015	31
01. Charged/Summons	3
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	1
08.2. Extended Professional Judgement	2
09. Not in the Public Interest (CPS) (all offences)	1
15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	4
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	6
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	14
2016	6
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	2
Under Investigation	1
Grand Total	58