



Norfolk Constabulary

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Dear

Our ref: FOI 000179/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by both Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016. This response is being provided on behalf of Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies as a result of ongoing collaboration. In your requests you sought access to the following information:

- A the number of police dogs that the force currently has
- B The number of police dogs the force had in 2010

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies holds part information relevant to your request.

**Response to your request**

The following information has been located as relevant to your request.

Part A

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have 25 General Purpose Dogs and 22 Specialist Dogs.

Part B

This information is not held. The number of dogs varies throughout the year and the figures have not been recorded on any specific dates for 2010.

There were 12 Dog Handlers in Suffolk and 18 Dog Handlers in Norfolk as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Each handler is expected to manage 1 General Purpose Dog initially and then, once experienced, a second Specialist Dog.

This response will be published on the both the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary web-sites. A link to the disclosure log pages of each Constabulary web-site is provided below.

<http://www.norfolk.police.uk/aboutus/yourrighttoinformation/freedomofinformation/disclosurelog.aspx>

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/aboutus/yourrighttoinformation/freedomofinformation/disclosurelog.aspx>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.