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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002390/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 17th June 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

UK Police force FOI on the impact of amendments to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to include dangerous dogs and on use of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

- 1 How many dog-related complaints has the Norfolk Constabulary recorded in 2015?
- 2 How many Community Protection Notices, Injunctions or Criminal Behaviour Orders have been issued under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for dog-related incidents in 2015?
- 3a How many dogs has the force seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in 2015?
b If recorded, please list the breeds of all the dogs seized
- 4a How many dogs seized under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 were euthanased? Where possible, please specify the reason they were euthanased (see Annex 1)
b How many dogs seized under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act were released under the Interim Exemption Scheme prior to a court case?
c How many dogs seized under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act were added to the Index of Exempted Dogs (IED)?
d How many dogs seized under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act were euthanased?

Annex 1

Potential reasons why a dog may be euthanased under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991:

- *The dog was a banned breed and didn't meet the requirements for an exemption
- *The owner of the dog was deemed to not be a fit and proper person to be responsible for the animal by the court
- *The owner chose to relinquish the animal before or after the court case.

- 5 Please supply a copy of the documentation detailing the definition of the four types of dog banned under s1 of the DDA (Pit Bull Terriers, Japanese Tosas, Dogo Argentinos and Fila Brazilieros) that you use to determine whether or not a dog is an illegal type, eg Defra's 'Dangerous Dogs Law; Guidance for enforcers', annex 2.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Q1 The Joint Performance and Analysis Department has advised that there were 26 dog complaints recorded in 2015. This figure refers to crimes recorded under the crime code:- 008/21 'Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog'.

Q2 The Constabulary Dog Unit is not aware of any CPNs, Injunctions or Behaviour Orders issued in 2015.

The Constabulary County Policing Command is aware of 1 CPN warning letter being issued with regard to a nuisance dog.

Q3 2 Pit Bull type dogs seized under section 1.
1 Rottweiler and 4 Staffordshire Bull Terriers seized under section 3.

Q4A 1 dog put to sleep after court order and identified as Pit Bull types and the owner did not meet the requirements for exemption.
1 case relating to a Pit Bull type dog is awaiting court finalisation.

Q4B-D No information held.

Q5 Pit Bulls are assessed against the American Dog Breeders Association standard. Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino and Japanese Tosa are assessed against the breed standard held by The American Kennel Club, The National Kennel Club and The United Kennel Club. The English Kennel Club do not hold these dogs as official breeds in the UK, due to them being illegal.