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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002791/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

We are gathering data to establish if there has been a significant increase in the number of dogs/puppies reported stolen so far this year.

Therefore, please can you send me a monthly breakdown of dog theft reports your force has received in the FIVE years to 31st July 2020?

If possible can you please also state the number of dogs that were taken in each report?

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

Research has been undertaken of recorded theft related crimes, where the item stolen is 'dog'. The figures include all reported dog thefts, including theft by unknown persons, civil disputes between families/ex-partners and also where the victim has reported a dog as stolen but where it may have escaped from the property and run away.

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>NORFOLK</b>						
January	-	-	1	4	1	2
February	2	4	4	3	3	1
March	1	2	1	3	2	2
April	2	1	6	-	3	1
May	6	2	3	3	3	3
June	1	1	3	3	3	3
July	4	3	2	5	4	4
August	6	-	3	5	2	1
September	4	1	2	-	2	-
October	3	-	4	2	2	-
November	1	3	3	3	3	-
December	1	-	2	2	3	-

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>						
January	-	-	-	-	-	6
February	-	2	2	-	1	1
March	1	1	2	1	-	3
April	2	2	2	2	1	2
May	2	1	3	-	1	4
June	3	-	1	2	1	1
July	5	1	1	1	2	4
August	1	-	3	2	2	-
September	2	1	3	2	3	-
October	1	2	3	3	2	-
November	-	1	1	1	-	-
December	-	2	-	-	3	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Month / Year</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Number of dogs</b>
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
February 2015	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Chihuahua X Pug	1
March 2015	Jack Russell X Chihuahua	1
April 2015	Pug	1
	Kerry Blue Terrier	1
May 2015	Sprocker Spaniel	1
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Jack Russell X Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Mastiff	1
	Poodle X Schnauzer	1
June 2015	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	West Highland Terrier	1
July 2015	Labrador X	1
	Great Dane	2
	Border Terrier X Lakeland Terrier	1
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
August 2015	Greyhound	1
	Shar Pei	1
	Samoyed	9
	Chihuahua	1
	Crossbreed	4

	Tibetan Terrier	1
September 2015	Boston Terrier	1
	Chihuahua X Yorkshire Terrier	1
	Yorkshire Terrier	1
	Rottweiler	1
October 2015	Husky X German Shepherd	1
	Cocker Spaniel	5
	Bull Terrier	1
November 2015	Not Recorded	1
December 2015	Lurcher	2
	Pugs and Cavaliers	7
February 2016	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Chihuahua	1
	Labrador X	1
	Not Recorded	1
March 2016	Not Recorded	1
	Cocker Spaniel	8
April 2016	Cocker Spaniel	2
May 2016	Jack Russell X Lakeland Terrier X Patterdale Terrier	1
	English Bull Terrier	1
June 2016	Rottweiler	1
July 2016	Rhodesian Ridgeback	1
	Springer x Jack Russell	1
	Lurcher	1
September 2016	Welsh Springer Spaniel	1
November 2016	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Jack Russell x Schnauser	1
	Pug	1
January 2017	Not Recorded	1
February 2017	Hungarian Vizsla	4
	Lurcher X and Jack Russell X	2
	Chihuahua	1
	Greyhound	2
March 2017	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
April 2017	Tibetan Mastif	2
	German Shepherd	1
	Springer Spaniels and Border Collies	6
	Dachshund	4
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
Chihuahua	6	

May 2017	King Charles Spaniel	1
	Not Recorded	1
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
June 2017	Not Recorded	2
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Cocker Spaniel	1
July 2017	Sprocker Spaniel and Labrador	8
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
August 2017	Toy Poodle	1
	Not Recorded	2
	Not Recorded	1
September 2017	Lurcher and Labrador X	2
	Not Recorded	1
October 2017	Not Recorded	2
	Jack Russell	1
	Springer Spaniel	1
	Yorkshire Terrier	1
November 2017	Belgian Malinois	1
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Labrador	1
December 2017	Labrador and Pointer	2
	Not Recorded	2
January 2018	Not Recorded	1
	Pug	1
	Yorkshire Terrier	1
	Retriever	1
February 2018	Labrador and Patterdale	2
	Not Recorded	1
	Pug	1
March 2018	Not Recorded	1
	Lasapoo	1
	Jack Russell	1
May 2018	Not Recorded	2
	Not Recorded	1
	Not Recorded	1
June 2018	Jack Russell	1
	Not Recorded	1
	Border Terrier	1
July 2018	German Shepherd	2
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1

	Shitzu	1
	Not Recorded	1
	Lurcher X Staffy	1
August 2018	British Bull Dog	1
	Labrador and Dachshunds	4
	Lurcher	2
	Not Recorded	1
	Chihuahua	1
October 2018	Border Collie	1
	Lurcher	1
November 2018	French Bull Dog	4
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Jack Russell	1
December 2018	Border Collie	1
	Lurcher	1
January 2019	Lurcher	4
February 2019	Not Recorded	1
	Chihuahua	1
	Yorkshire Terrier	1
March 2019	Labrador	1
	English Bull Dog	1
April 2019	French Bull Dog	1
	Cocker Spaniel	1
	Jack Russell	1
May 2019	Not Recorded	1
	Labrador	1
	Patterdale X	1
June 2019	Presa Canario	2
	Rottweiler x Staffy	1
July 2019	Greyhound X	1
	Springer Spaniel	4
	German Shepherd	1
	Welsh Terrier	1
	Not Recorded	1
August 2019	Chihuahua	3
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
September 2019	Springer Spaniel	1
October 2019	Whippet	1
	Not Recorded	1
	Lurcher	2

November 2019	Patterdale X	1
	Not Recorded	1
	American Bull Dog	1
December 2019	Patterdale	2
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Border Collie	1
January 2020	Jack Russell and Highland Terriers	3
	Jack Russell	1
February 2020	Not Recorded	1
March 2020	Border Collie	1
	Chihuahua	1
April 2020	Jack Russell	1
May 2020	Cocker Spaniel	8
	Dachshund	1
	Terrier	1
June 2020	Not Recorded	1
	Cocker Spaniel	1
	Jack Russell	1
July 2020	Not Recorded	1
	American Pit Bull x Bull Dog	1
	Not Recorded	1
	Jack Russell	1
August 2020	Not Recorded	1

Month / Year	Breed	Number of dogs
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		
March 2015	Labrador	1
April 2015	Cocker Spaniel and Springer Spaniel	2
	Not recorded	1
May 2015	Not recorded	1
	Patterdale	1
June 2015	Spaniel	1
	Boxer	2
	Not recorded	1
July 2015	Not recorded	1
	Lurcher	1
	Not recorded	1
	Not recorded	2
August 2015	Lhasa Apso	1
	Not recorded	1

September 2015	American Bulldog	1
	Not recorded	2
October 2015	Schnauser	1
February 2016	Doberman	1
	Not recorded	1
March 2016	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
April 2016	Not recorded	1
	Cockapoo	1
May 2016	Not recorded	1
July 2016	Mastiff x bulldog	1
September 2016	Not recorded	1
October 2016	Not recorded	1
	Alaskan Malamute	1
November 2016	Labrador	1
December 2016	Not recorded	1
	Not recorded	2
February 2017	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	German Shepherd x Labrador	1
March 2017	Springer spaniel	1
	Sprocker Spaniel	1
April 2017	Chihuahua	1
	Yorkshire Terrier	1
May 2017	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Jack Russell	1
	Border Terrier	1
June 2017	Jack Russell	1
July 2017	Not recorded	1
August 2017	Staffy x Whippet	1
	Japanese Akita	1
	Jack Russell	1
September 2017	Staffordshire x	1
	Beagle x	1
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
October 2017	Jack Russell	1
	Pug x King Charles Cavalier	1
	Not recorded	1
November 2017	Saluki x	1
March 2018	Chug	1
April 2018	Not recorded	1
	Golden retriever	1

June 2018	Patterdale	1
	French Bulldog	1
July 2018	Not recorded	1
August 2018	Not recorded	1
	Labrador	4
September 2018	Not recorded	1
	French Bulldog	1
October 2018	Patterdale	1
	Cockertzu	1
	Cocker Spaniel	1
November 2018	Not recorded	2
February 2019	Not recorded	1
April 2019	Pug	1
May 2019	Jack Russell x chihuahua	1
June 2019	Spaniel	1
July 2019	Dachshund	2
	Collie X	1
August 2019	Patterdale	1
	Not recorded	1
September 2019	Not recorded	1
	Sheep Dog	1
	German Shepherd	1
October 2019	French Bulldog	2
	Pug	1
December 2019	Not recorded	1
	Greyhound	1
	Cocker Spaniel	4
January 2020	Jack Russell x Terrier	1
	Not recorded	1
	Dachshund	1
	Not recorded	1
	Jack Russell	1
February 2020	Not recorded	1
March 2020	Bichon frise and Pomeranian	2
	Labrador x	1
	Not recorded	1
April 2020	Sprocker Spaniel	1
	British Bull Dog	1
May 2020	Not recorded	8



	Labrador	1
	French Bulldog	1
	Cocker Spaniel	2
June 2020	Rhodesian Ridge Back	1
July 2020	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1
	Cocker Spaniel	1
	Lhasa Apso, Cocker Spaniel and Cockapoo	17
	Pug	2