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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 003604/16**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

I would greatly appreciate if you could provide answers to the following in the tables provided:

**SEIZURE OF BANNED DOG BREEDS**

2014, 2015 & 2016 to date

Pit Bull Terrier

Japanese Tosa

Dogo Argentino

Fila Brasileiro

Banned breed cross

- 1 How many of each of the following banned dog breeds was seized by your authority?
- 2 Of the banned dog breeds seized by your authority, how many were put to sleep/disposed of?
- 3 How many of each of the following banned dog breeds were returned to their owners by your authority?

**OFFENCES UNDER DANGEROUS DOGS ACT 1991**

2014, 2015 & 2016 to date

Selling a banned dog

Abandoning a banned dog

Giving away a banned dog

Breeding from a banned dog

- 4 How many warnings were given out by your police authority for the following offences?
- 5 How many fines were served by your police authority for the following offences?
- 6 What was the total value of fines served by your police authority?
- 7 How many people have been imprisoned for the following offences within your police authority?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

**Response to your Request**

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

Year	Dogs Seized under Section 1 of Dangerous Dogs Act 1991	Pit Bull Types	Outcome
2013	2	2	1 x Court Destruction Order 1 x PTS at owners request
2014	7	6	1 x Not PBT & returned to owner 3 x Court Destruction Order 3 x signed over by owner & PTS
2015	4	4	1 x Court Destruction Order 1 x placed on register for exempted dogs 1 x awaiting appeal 1 x PTS (stray)
2016	1	1	1 x signed over by owner & PTS

Year	Dogs Seized under Section 3 of Dangerous Dogs Act 1991	Pit Bull Types	Outcome
2015	6	0	2 x returned to owner 4 x signed over by owner & PTS
2016	1	0	1 x returned to owner

#### Additional information

A Pit Bull Type dog is one of four banned breeds and the most common in this Country.

Banned breeds may also be referred to as illegal breeds. These are dogs seized under section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 which is the offence of 'possession of an illegal dog'. Courts may also refer to them as dogs bred for fighting.

Section 3 dogs can be any breed of dog but where they have bitten someone or caused fear or apprehension of injury to a person.

No information is held with regard to the remainder of your request.