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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000065/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 6th January 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

With your help, we plan to piece together the most accurate picture of dog theft instances across the UK, allowing us to better understand the problem on a national level.

With this in mind; could you please provide me with the following information?

- 1 How many dogs did your Police force receive reports for as stolen in 2019?
- 2 For those dogs reported as stolen in 2019, what breeds were they in each case?
- 3 For those dogs reported as stolen in 2019, where were the dogs when they were taken? E.g. from the home, garden etc.
- 4 For those dogs reported as stolen in 2019, how many dogs were later recovered and returned to owner?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14th January 2020.

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

Research has been undertaken of theft related offences where the property type taken is recorded as a 'dog'. This has identified 19 crimes in Norfolk and 11 in Suffolk.

Offence	Taken From	Whether Recovered	Crime Outcome
NORFOLK			
Burglary - Residential	1 x English Bulldog puppy From garden shed	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Cocker Spaniel From outside a shop	Yes	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
Other Theft	1 x Jack Russell From back garden	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities

			Becoming Available
Theft from the Person	1 x Golden Labrador Taken by person known to victim	Whereabouts known	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
Other Theft	2 x Presa Canario From rear garden	No	Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender
Robbery of Personal Property	1 x Jack Russell x Pug Whilst walking	No	Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender
Other Theft	4 x Springer Spaniel From kennel at address	3 recovered	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x German Shepherd Taken by person known to victim	Whereabouts known	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Welsh Terrier From back garden	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Burglary - Residential	3 x Chihuahuas Taken by person known to victim	Whereabouts known	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
Other Theft	1 x Staffy x Bull Terrier From back garden	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Springer Spaniel From back garden	No	Investigation Ongoing
Other Theft	1 x Dog From kennels	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Puppy From back yard	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

Other Theft	1 x Dog From victim's home	Whereabouts known, removed for welfare issues	Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)
Other Theft	1 x American Bulldog Taken by person known to victim	Whereabouts known	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
Other Theft	1 x Chihuahua From back garden	Yes	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	2 x Alaskan Malamute Believed escaped from home	Yes	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Black Staffy Escaped from home	Yes	Investigation Ongoing
SUFFOLK			
Burglary – Residential	1 x Jack Russell x Chihuahua From home address	Yes	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
Other Theft	1 x Spaniel Escaped from home	Yes	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Violence with Injury	1 x Rottweiler x Ridgeback Taken by person known to victim	Not returned	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
Other Theft	1 x Lurcher 1 x Spaniel Taken whilst walking	Yes	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Dog Taken from back garden	Yes	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Dog Taken whilst walking	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x German Shepherd Taken from farm yard	Yes	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime

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Other Theft	1 x Dog Possibly escaped from home	Unclear	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Pug Civil dispute	Unclear	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
Other Theft	2 x Cocker Spaniels Taken from back garden	No	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
Other Theft	1 x Jack Russell Taken from rear garden	Yes	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available