

## Freedom of Information Request 289/18 Detained Dog Costs

### 1. How many dogs were detained by the force and subsequently housed in police approved kennels?

Answer. Please be advised that due to the way data was recorded in 2013, we cannot provide a figure for this year. What we can provide is as below.

2018 to date = 15

2017 = 53

2016 = 26

2015 = 7

2014 = 13

### 2. What was the cost of this to the force?

Answer. We can only provide this information in financial years. Kennelling fees would also include veterinary costs and cremations and this is calculated in financial years. In addition a few dogs were signed over by owners to the police during assessment and were euthanized that same day without going into kennels. With this in mind, please see below.

2017/18 = £30,051.64

2016/17 = £24,606.28

2015/16 = £19,285.52

2014/15 = £19,210.63

2013/14 = £20,218.36

### 3. How many days were the dogs housed in approved kennels? (so the average duration and cost of kennelling can be calculated)

Answer. As per the explanation for question 1, 2013 data has not been included for the reason already stated.

2018 to date = 66 Days

2017 = 1,403 Days

2016 = 2,682 Days

2015 = 563 Days

2014 = 748 Days

### 4. What was the reason for the detention if known...(ie suspected hare coursers/ unsafe animal/ potential evidence in a prosecution)

Answer. The reason for detention is recorded in a table at the end of this document.

### 5. Outcome ie (animal returned to owner, returned to owner with conditions, destroyed, rehomed)

Answer.

Year	Euthanized	Rehomed	Returned to owner	Returned to Breeder	On-Going Cases	Died
2018	8	0	5	0	2	0
2017	25	3	21	1	3	0
2016	9	9	7	0	0	1
2015	4	0	3	0	0	0
2014	7	2	4	0	0	0

### 6. Has the force implemented the Interim Exemption Scheme? If yes how many times?

Answer. Yes, since 2015 Northumbria Police have used the Interim Exemption Scheme ten times.

**7. Does the force operate animal detentions in accordance with the RSPCA's Good practise Guidelines?**

Answer. Northumbria Police follow Defras guidance to enforcers. The dog legislation officers liaise with the RSPCA, and local authorities to ensure the kennels provided are suitable. They also carry out regular welfare checks on dogs being detained in the kennels.

**Answer to Question 4 - Reason For Detention**

Year	RTC	Safekeeping	Section 1	Section 19 PACE	Section 1DDA	Section 3	Section 3 DDA	Section 3DDA, AGG	Section 3DDA, AWA	Summons for court	Surrendered	TORTS Form issued	Welfare Act	Worrying Sheep	Used as a Weapon
2018	0	4	5	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	1	5	5	8	5	3	5	8	2	1	1	1	6	2	0
2016	0	1	0	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0