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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00981

I write in connection with your request for information received on 22nd February. I note you seek access to the following information:

- Q1. Please state how many dogs and cats were reported as stolen in your area for the following timeframes:**
Q2. Over the same timeframes, please state how many of these cases were resolved (i.e. the pet was returned to its owner):
Q3. Over the same timeframes, please state the total number of individuals prosecuted for the theft of a dog or cat in your area:
Q4. If possible, please state the three most commonly stolen breeds of dog and the number of each taken, in the following timeframes:
Q5. If possible, please state the three most commonly stolen breeds of cat and the number of each taken, in the following timeframes:

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

	2016	2017
Reports of dogs being stolen	18	17
Reports of cats being stolen	7	6

Q2 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

	2016	2017
Cases of dogs being returned	2	2
Cases of cats being returned	0	0

Q3 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

	2016	2017
Prosecutions for theft of a dog	1	3
Prosecutions for theft of a cat	0	1

Q4 – Please see the below information detailing the information you have requested.

2016

- Border Terrier = 3

- Yorkshire Terrier = 3
- Cockerpoo = 2

2017

- Chihuahua = 3
- Akita = 1
- Bassett Hound = 1
- Beagle = 1
- Bichon Frise = 1
- Bull Mastiff/Rottweiler cross = 1
- German Shepherd = 1
- Hungarian Vesla = 1
- Huskey = 1
- Jack Russell = 1
- Lurcher = 1
- Staffordshire = 1
- Staffordshire Terrier Labrador cross = 1
- Toy Poodle Yorkshire Terrier Cross = 1
- Unknown = 1

Q5 – Please see the below information detailing the information you have requested.

2016

- Bengal = 2
- Black and White Cat = 2
- Siamese = 1
- Tabby = 1
- Unknown = 1

2017

- Bengal = 1
- Ginger Tom = 1
- Long Hair Domestic = 1
- Savannah = 1
- Short Domestic = 1
- Unknown = 1

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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