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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2017/01766

I write in connection with your request for information received on 19th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information act (2000).

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 report as stolen in 2017?
- 2) For those dogs reported as stolen in 2017, what breeds were they in each case?
- 3) For those dogs reported as stolen in 2017, what was the age of dogs in each case?
- 4) For those dogs reported as stolen in 2017, where were the dogs when they were taken? E.g. from the home, garden etc.
- 5) For those dogs reported as stolen in 2017, how many dogs were later recovered and returned to owner?

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.

Response - Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below;

Please see FOI2017/01766 Annexe A on page 2, relevant to your request.

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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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.

Dog	Age	Location stolen from	Recovered
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MALE BULL MASTIFF X ROTWEILLER HUSKEY	1 YEAR OLD	back garden lent the dog to a friend - not returned	undetected undetected
FEMALE HUNGARIAN VESLA RED/BROWN CHIHUAHUA PUPPY	4 MONTHS 5 MONTHS	back garden lent the dog to a friend - not returned was sold the puppy but didn't receive the dog	undetected undetected undetected
CHIHUAHUA PUPPY MALE GERMAN SHEPHERD	unknown 9 MONTHS	stolen from a compound	undetected
PEDIGREE BASSETT HOUND TANNED JACK RUSSELL	unknown unknown	back garden not stated	undetected undetected
TOY POODLE CROSSED WITH YORKSHIRE TERRIER	unknown	not stated	undetected later returned
CHIHUAHUA LURCHER BITCH RED 3 YR 22" NAVY COLLAR	unknown 3 YEARS	taken from a park back garden	undetected
CREME COLOURED BEAGLE WHITE BICHON FRISE	4 YEARS 4 YEAR OLD	stableyard stable yard	undetected undetected
UNKNOWN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER CROSSED WITH A LABRADOR	unknown unknown	took the dog whilst on a walk from the front of the house	undetected undetected
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER JAPANESE AKITA	unknown unknown	town centre back garden	undetected later returned
TOTAL	17		