



Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

Freedom of Information Act Request Response No. 15072016-1

Question

Please could you provide the following information regarding the Animal Welfare Act under the Freedom of Information Act :

- How many cases were brought by your Force for offences under Section 8 of the Animal Welfare Act during both 2014 and 2015?
- How many of these cases for both 2014 and 2015 involved dogs?
- What breed of dog was involved in these cases for both 2014 and 2015?
- Are dogs seized by your force for offences either under the Animal Welfare Act or Dangerous Dogs Act assessed for injuries potentially attributable to dog fighting or being used as a bait dog (eg. injuries to legs, tongue injuries, teeth being filed down, other facial scarring etc)?
- If the dogs are assessed for such injuries, how many showed signs of such injuries upon entry into police kennels in both 2014 and 2015?

Answer

The Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Northamptonshire Police are two separate legal entities. Information regarding operational policing matters are the responsibility of Northamptonshire Police, therefore the OPCC does not hold any of the information you requested.

Northamptonshire Police's Information Unit may hold some of the information you are seeking. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to Ian Kelly, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Team Leader, Information Unit, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ / freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed

to: John Neilson, Acting Chief Executive, Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, West Wing, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF