

FOI Request ref: 2010A/24

1. What were the total number of dog theft crimes in 2023 (monthly breakdown if possible)?

Table 1. Count of theft offences where a dog was stolen:

Month-Year	Total
Jan-23	3
Feb-23	4
Mar-23	9
Apr-23	5
May-23	3
Jun-23	7
Jul-23	4
Aug-23	12
Sep-23	8
Oct-23	3
Nov-23	3
Dec-23	4
Grand Total	65

2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft crime in 2023?

Table 2. Outcome of theft offences in Table 1 above:

Outcome	Total
Charge or Summons	2
Community Resolution	1
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	9
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	23
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	15
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (victim support)	15
Grand Total	65

3. How many dogs were listed with each dog theft crime in 2023?

One dog – 57 cases

Two dogs – 8 cases

4. Can details about stolen dog breed, gender, age, and location of theft (walk, home, garden, outside shop, from car etc) also be provided for 2023 please?

a) Dog breed

Table 3. Breed of dog for theft offences in Table 1 above:

Breed	Total
American Bulldog	2
American Bulldog/Cane Corso Cross	2
Bichon Frise	3
Bulldog	2
Cane Corso	1
Chihuahua/Jack Russell Cross	2
Chihuahua/Pomeranian Cross	1
Doberman	2
Dogue de Bordeaux	2
English Bull Terrier/Staffy Cross	1
English Bulldog	2
French Bulldog	4
French Bullmastiff	1
German Shepherd	2
Husky/Staffy/Collie Cross	1
Jack Russell	2
Jack Russell/Chihuahua Cross	1
Jack Russell/Corgi Cross	1
Jack Russell/Pug Cross	1
Labrador	1
Pocket Bully	3
Pocket XL Bully	1
Presa Canario	1
Pug	1
Rottweiler/German Shepherd	1
Shih Tzu	2
Siberian Husky	1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	5
Staffordshire/American Bull Terrier Cross	1
Staffy Cross	1
XL Bulldog	5
XL Bully	4
XL/Pit Cross	1
Yorkshire Terrier	1
Not recorded	11
Grand Total	73

b) Gender

The gender of the dogs is not routinely captured on our systems, and as a result, we are unable to provide this information.

c) Age

Table 4. Age of dog for theft offences in Table 1 above:

Age	Total
3 months	4
4 months	1
7 months	1
8 months	1
9 months	2
11 months	1
12 months	3
1 year 3 months	2
1 year 6 months	1
1 year 10 months	2
2 years	3
3 years	3
3 years 6 months	1
4 years	4
6 years	1
12 years	1
17 years	1
Not recorded	41
Grand Total	73

d) Location

Offence Location is not a mandatory recording field on our crime system, and as a result, we are unable to provide this information.