

1. How, if at all, has the process for recording stolen dogs (under the Theft Act) to abducted dogs (under the Pet Abduction Act) changed in 2024?  
**We would follow the Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR), as published on gov.uk**

2. What were the total number of dog theft crimes in 2023 AND 2024 (monthly breakdown if possible)?

| Month/Year   | Total      |
|--------------|------------|
| Jan-23       | 4          |
| Feb-23       | 5          |
| Mar-23       | 11         |
| Apr-23       | 5          |
| May-23       | 3          |
| Jun-23       | 7          |
| Jul-23       | 4          |
| Aug-23       | 12         |
| Sep-23       | 9          |
| Oct-23       | 3          |
| Nov-23       | 3          |
| Dec-23       | 4          |
| Jan-24       | 5          |
| Feb-24       | 4          |
| Mar-24       | 3          |
| Apr-24       | 7          |
| May-24       | 3          |
| Jun-24       | 4          |
| Jul-24       | 6          |
| Aug-24       | 7          |
| Sep-24       | 2          |
| Oct-24       | 5          |
| Nov-24       | 3          |
| Dec-24       | 4          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>123</b> |

3. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft crime in 2023 AND 2024?

| <b>Outcome Description</b>                                                                  | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Charge or Summons                                                                           | 2           | 1           | <b>3</b>     |
| Community Resolution                                                                        | 1           | 0           | <b>1</b>     |
| Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified                       | 9           | 5           | <b>14</b>    |
| Further action will be taken by another body                                                | 0           | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| Investigation Complete: No suspect identified                                               | 25          | 17          | <b>42</b>    |
| Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action(no victim support) | 18          | 18          | <b>36</b>    |
| Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action(victim support)    | 15          | 10          | <b>25</b>    |
| -                                                                                           | 0           | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                | <b>70</b>   | <b>53</b>   | <b>123</b>   |

4. How many dogs were listed with each dog theft crime in 2023 AND 2024?

| <b>Dogs Stolen</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 dog stolen       | 62          | 45          | 107          |
| 2 dogs stolen      | 8           | 7           | 15           |
| 3 dogs stolen      | 0           | 1           | 1            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>70</b>   | <b>53</b>   | <b>123</b>   |

5. If this question doesn't take us beyond the time required for free FOI feedback, can details about stolen dog breed, gender, age, and location of theft (walk, home, garden, outside shop, from car etc) also be provided for in 2023 AND 2024 please?

| <b>Dog Breed</b>               | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| American Akita                 | 1            |
| American Bull Dog              | 2            |
| American Bull Dog x Cane Corso | 2            |
| Bichon Frise                   | 2            |

|                                                |    |
|------------------------------------------------|----|
| Bull Dog                                       | 4  |
| Cane Corso                                     | 1  |
| Chihuahua                                      | 2  |
| Chihuahua x Jack Russel                        | 2  |
| Chihuahua x Pomeranian                         | 1  |
| Cocker Spaniel                                 | 1  |
| Doberman                                       | 2  |
| Dog De Bordeaux                                | 2  |
| English Bull Dog                               | 2  |
| French Bull Dog                                | 4  |
| French Bull Mastif                             | 1  |
| German Sheppard                                | 4  |
| Jack Russell                                   | 2  |
| Jack Russell x Corgi                           | 1  |
| Jack Russell x Yorkshire Terrier               | 1  |
| Labrador                                       | 1  |
| Mongrel                                        | 1  |
| Perro de Presa Canario                         | 1  |
| Pitbull                                        | 1  |
| Pocket Bull Dog                                | 4  |
| Pomeranian                                     | 5  |
| Pug                                            | 2  |
| Rottweiler                                     | 1  |
| Rottweiler x German Sheppard                   | 1  |
| Shar Pei                                       | 1  |
| Shih Tzu                                       | 2  |
| Staffordshire Bull Terrier                     | 4  |
| Staffordshire Bull Terrier x Greyhound         | 1  |
| Staffordshire Bull Terrier x American Bull Dog | 1  |
| Staffordshire Bull Terrier x Rottweiler        | 1  |
| X Breed                                        | 1  |
| X Staffordshire Bull Terrier                   | 1  |
| XL Bull Dog                                    | 12 |

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Yorkshire Terrier | 3          |
| Not stated        | 59         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>140</b> |

This table includes duplicates where there was more than 1 Dog stolen

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Gender</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Female        | 12           |
| Male          | 4            |
| Not stated    | 124          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>140</b>   |

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|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Age</b>   | <b>Total</b> |
| Puppy        | 13           |
| 3 months     | 1            |
| 5 months     | 2            |
| 7 months     | 1            |
| 8 months     | 1            |
| 1 year       | 4            |
| 2 year       | 2            |
| 4 year       | 2            |
| 6 year       | 1            |
| 7 year       | 1            |
| Not stated   | 112          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>140</b>   |

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|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Location</b>           | <b>Total</b> |
| Flat/Apartment            | 4            |
| Hotel / B&B / Guest house | 1            |
| House - Bungalow          | 1            |
| House- Mid Terrace        | 1            |
| House- Semi Detached      | 1            |
| Maisonette - Dwelling     | 1            |

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Parks/Gardens          | 2          |
| Shop/Store/Supermarket | 2          |
| Street / Road          | 1          |
| Tram / Tram Station    | 1          |
| Not stated             | 108        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>123</b> |