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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI654705905**

Thank you for your request for information relating to stray cats and dogs.

You have requested the following information:

During the years:-

- January 2020 - December 2020**
- January 2021 - December 2021**
- January 2022 - December 2022**
- January 2023 - December 2023**
- January 2024 - To Current Date**

1. How many dogs/cats entered your local authority pounds (also known as kennels or animal shelters) in your area?

2020: 203
2021: 229
2022: 278
2023: 315
2024: 198

2. How many of these dogs/cats were euthanised?

2020: 0
2021: 3

2022: 5
2023: 18
2024: 16

3. For each dog/cat that was euthanised can you provide the breed, age, gender, microchip status and reason for euthanasia?

Please see the attached document.

4. How many were reclaimed by their owners?

2020: 164
2021: 177
2022: 187
2023: 186
2024: 168

5.

A) How many were passed to a welfare organisation.

2020: 20
2021: 59
2022: 76
2023: 121
2024: 74

B) What checks do you make on the welfare organisation prior to sending dogs to rescue?

We have a contract with Birmingham Dogs Home who take all our stray dogs.

C) What is the criteria for being an accepted as a local authority welfare organisation?

- Excellent rehoming policy
- Licenced premises
- Value for money
- Sufficient capacity to accommodate all our stray dogs
- Every effort made to rehome all stray dogs
- Fully insured
- Fully trained staff

6. In relation to question 5 How many dogs and cats were subsequently rehomed and how many were euthanised at the rescue?

Euthanised at rehoming centre:

2020: 0
2021: 3
2022: 5
2022: 18

2023:16

Rehomed at rehoming centre:

2020: 39

2021: 49

2022: 77

2023: 111

2024: 14

7. What is the amount of money spent euthanising dogs during the dates stated above?

£180.00 per dog.

8. What is the amount of money spent on vets fees, not including euthanasia during the dates stated above?

2020 average £2,100.

2021 average £2,100.

2022 average £2,100.

2023 average £2,100.

9. Please supply figures for the number of dogs seized as a banned breed type under the Dangerous Dogs Act during the dates stated above. Please provide breed details, gender, age, microchip status and reason for euthanasia.

Not applicable. West Midlands Police are responsible for seizure of dangerous dogs, not the Council.

10. In relation to question 9 how many dogs were euthanised, how many were returned to their owners, new homes or rescue organisations/sanctuaries.

Not applicable, please refer to Question 9.

11. What is the amount of money spent on the boarding of banned breed dogs and associated veterinary costs including euthanasia?

All banned breed dogs that are seized by Coventry Council are kept in our own kennels, therefore, no kennelling fees are incurred. There is a cost of £180.00 per dog for euthanasia.

12. Please provide full details of your contracts for the management of stray animals, including key performance indicators and the amounts paid under this contract. Please provide full disclosure of euthanasia records. This will include but not limited to:

Number of dogs/cats collected,

Number of dogs/cats reunited within 24 hours,

Number of dogs/cats reunited after 24 hours and before 7 clear days,

Number of dogs/cats re-homed,

Number of dogs/cats euthanised including:

Breed, Sex, Microchip Number, Age, Reason for Euthanasia, How body disposed.

Please see the attached document.

- Birmingham Dogs Home – Solihull
- We do not deal with stray cats therefore the figures below relate to dogs only
- Any dogs that are euthanised are either done via Birmingham Dogs home or if done by us (note this will be performed by a vet which involves a general cremation)
- Euthanasia figures for breed, sex and reason are answered in Question 3

Key performance indicators:

- Accept stray dogs Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm
- Keep stray dogs for 7 days
- Walk, feed, clean and look after the wellbeing of dogs 7 days a week including weekends and bank holidays
- Have a designated vet
- Fully trained staff on site

13. Please include and specify full details of dogs surrendered, rehomed or euthanised via the RSPCA, vet practices and local police authorities.

We do not take surrendered dogs from the public or any other organisation/vets or Police. We only deal with stray dogs or social services cases.

14. In addition we request a breakdown on the disposal of animals euthanised during the above years into categories and descriptions including but not limited to:

Individual cremation

Communal cremation

Individual burial

Communal burial

Carcasses donated and to whom

Carcasses sold and to whom and payments made

Any dogs that are euthanised is done by a vet and disposed of by them.

Since 10 June 2024 it has been a legal requirement to microchip cats. We request the following information:

15. Do you provide cats with the same 7 day holding period as dogs to give time for owners to be located?

No, we do not collect stray cats.

16. On completion of a 7 day holding period does the cat become the property of the local authority?

17. How do you proceed with rehoming?

For Questions 16 and 17, these are not applicable.

18. If no holding period or facility is available please provide answers to the questions below:-

a? Why?

b) What happens to microchipped and non microchipped cats who are believed to be strays?

c) Do local vet practices contact you for stray facilities?

Any stray cats are to be taken to local vets to check whether they are chipped and reunited with their owners. We understand unclaimed stray cats are transferred to rehoming centres.

19. What is your policy relating to deceased cats? Please provide details of scanning microchips, logging information, reunification procedures and disposal methods.

Please refer to Question 15.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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3. For each dog/cat that was euthanised can you provide the breed, age, gender, microchip status and reason for euthanasia?

	Breed	Sex	Chipped	Why PTS
2021	GSD	Male	Yes – Not up to date	Unknown (All unclaimed dogs go to a rehoming centre and they will assess and make decisions on euthanasia)
	GSD	Female	No	Unknown
	XL Bully	Female	Yes – Unregistered	
2022	SBT	Male	Yes	Unknown
	Chihuahua	Male	Yes – Not up to date	Unknown
	Rotti	Female	No	Unknown
	EBT	Female	No	Unknown
	XL Bully	Female	No	Unknown
2023	Pitbull	Female	Yes	Typed by police and PTS
	XL Bully	Male	No	Typed by police and PTS
	Malinois	Male	No	Unknown
	Cane Corso	Male	No	Unknown
	Cane Corso	Male	No	Unknown
	XL Bully	Male	Yes – Not up to date	Unknown
	XL Bully	Female	Yes	Typed by Police
	Lurcher	Male	No	Parvo
	Lurcher	Female	No	Parvo
	Pressa	Male	Yes – Not up to date	Unknown
	XL Bully	Female	Yes	Typed by police
	ABD	Female	Yes	Unknown
	Bully X	Male	No	Unknown
	X Breed	Female	No	Unknown
	SBT	Male	Chip not registered	Unknown

	XL Bully	Female	No	Typed by police
	Pitbull	Female	Yes	Typed by police
	XL Bully	Female	No	Typed by police
2024	SBT	Female	No	Unknown
	Ridgeback	Male	No	Parvo
	Sharpei	Male	Yes but not registered	Unknown
	XL Bully	Female	No	Typed by police
	XL Bully	Female	Yes	Typed by police
	Bulldog	Male	No	Unknown
	JRT	Male	No	Unknown
	Akita	Male	Yes – not up to date	Unknown
	XL Bully	Male	Yes	Typed by police
	XL Bully	Male	No	Typed by police
	ABD	Male	No	Unknown
	Chorkie	Male	Yes	Unknown
	XL Bully	Male	No	Typed by police
	Malinois	Male	No	Unknown
	Cane Corso	Male	No	Unknown
	ABD	Male	No	Unknown

12. Please provide full details of your contracts for the management of "stray" animals, including key performance indicators and the amounts paid under this contract. Please provide full disclosure of euthanasia records. This will include but not limited to:

	Num of dogs collected	Reunited within 24hrs	Reunited after 24hrs	Number of dogs rehomed	Number of dogs euthanised
2020	203	144	20	39	0
2021	229	138	39	49	3
2022	278	144	42	77	5
2023	315	145	41	111	18
2024	300	115	53	116	16