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FOI.3160/24 - Police Dogs

Request:

1. How many police dogs are currently operational 2024
2. How many police dogs are currently not operational due to injury, ailment, sickness 2024
3. How many police dogs in training 2024
4. How many police dogs procured from 2010 to 2020.
5. How many police dogs were purchased from breeders in the uk. How many from the EU
6. How many police dogs were bred from Police breeding project
7. How many police dogs were gifted or purchased from uk dog rescues and which rescues
8. How many police dogs failed to meet standards. Did they get returned to vendor, breeder or rescue
9. How many police dogs have been successfully rehomed 2010 - 2024
10. How many police dogs failed rehome and were they returned to unit or euthanised
11. How many police dogs have been euthanised due to 1. Sickness, injury, ailment. 2.Behvaious, safety, treachery
12. What is the current budget for rehoming 2024
13. How many registered clinical behaviourists work with rehoming police dogs 2024
14. How many police dog have been euthanised due to accident, injury or ailment on duty 2010-2024
15. How many police dogs died in kennels, vehicles, in enclosures 2010-2014
16. How many police dogs died on duty 2010-2024
17. How many police dogs were rehomed to their handlers or families 2010-2024
18. How many police dogs were rehomed to the general public 2010-2024

Response:

Section 1 of the Freedom of information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified within a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact, b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) state (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that the information you requested is held by Sussex Police, under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act.

1. How many police dogs are currently operational 2024 - 75
2. How many police dogs are currently not operational due to injury, ailment, sickness 2024 - 2
3. How many police dogs in training 2024 - 75 Surrey & Sussex dogs as stated above, all trained throughout the year.
4. How many police dogs procured from 2010 to 2020. – Exact numbers for time period unavailable
5. How many police dogs were purchased from breeders in the uk. How many from the EU - Exact numbers unknown

6. *How many police dogs were bred from Police breeding project – exact numbers for time period unavailable*
7. *How many police dogs were gifted or purchased from uk dog rescues and which rescues – exact numbers for time period unknown*
8. *How many police dogs failed to meet standards. Did they get returned to vendor, breeder or rescue – numbers unknown, all police dogs that fail to meet standards are sold / rehomed.*
9. *How many police dogs have been successfully rehomed 2010 – 2024 – numbers unknown*
10. *How many police dogs failed rehome and were they returned to unit or euthanised – all are rehomed, none are euthanised.*
11. *How many police dogs have been euthanised due to 1. Sickness, injury, ailment. 2. Behaviour, safety, treachery – none are euthanised.*
12. *What is the current budget for rehoming 2024 – No budget*
13. *How many registered clinical behaviourists work with rehoming police dogs 2024 - None*
14. *How many police dog have been euthanised due to accident, injury or ailment on duty 2010-2024 – Exact numbers unknown*
15. *How many police dogs died in kennels, vehicles, in enclosures 2010-2014 – 1 known of*
16. *How many police dogs died on duty 2010-2024 – 1 known of*
17. *How many police dogs were rehomed to their handlers or families 2010-2024 – Exact numbers for time period unknown, most dogs are rehomed to handlers / handlers family or friends.*
18. *How many police dogs were rehomed to the general public 2010-2024 – Exact number for time period unknown.*