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Subject: EIR-17-1600 - Stray Dogs
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 31 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please provide me with information regarding stray dogs in the council area over the last five financial years, broken down by month (if possible) or financial year.

How many stray dogs were picked up by local authority staff in each of the last five years?

Please refer to the attached table [EIR-17-1600 – Stray Dogs](#). Please note that statistical information held includes stray dogs picked up by the local authority, the police and members of the public, which are all listed.

How many of these were reunited with their owners?

Please refer to the attached table [EIR-17-1600 – Stray Dogs](#). Stray dogs uplifted by the dog warden are generally returned directly to the owner in the first instance of straying when the owner is known via a chip or other information. Dogs not returned directly either by the dog warden or others (police or public) are taken to a local kennel establishment.

Where did the non-reunited dogs go?

Dogs not re-united with the owner after seven days boarding at the kennels are 'signed over' to the kennel to be made available for rehomed. Dogs that cannot be rehomed are put to sleep. This will only happen if the dog is terminally ill and is a decision made by the kennel established after the dog is 'signed over'.

What was the cost to the council of stray dog collection each year?

Costs associated with stray dog collection are included within all costs associated with the provision of the dog warden service and cannot be directly identified. Please note that a charge is made to owners for costs to board a stray dog at the kennels and for the dog warden service to uplift and take to the kennels.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the specific cost to the council of stray dog collection each year** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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Stray dog Summary 2012-17

2012/13	Picked up by DW	Picked up other	Returned by DW	Claimed	Rehomed	PTS	Total
April	9	10	4	11	4	0	19
May	14	9	4	16	3	0	23
June	9	14	2	15	2	4	23
July	8	10	2	14	2	0	18
August	14	14	6	15	3	4	28
September	6	14	0	10	8	2	20
October	10	9	6	10	2	1	19
November	14	13	1	21	5	0	27
December	4	10	2	10	2	0	14
January	8	5	2	6	4	1	13
February	11	10	7	11	1	2	21
March	14	3	5	8	3	1	17
Total	121	121	41	147	39	15	242

2013/14	Picked up by DW	Picked up other	Returned by DW	Claimed	Rehomed	PTS	Total
April	6	13	3	11	5	0	19
May	20	13	8	20	5	0	33
June	6	12	0	16	2	0	18
July	17	15	5	24	3	0	32
August	14	14	3	18	7	0	28
September	12	15	4	19	4	0	27
October	11	5	7	5	4	0	16
November	7	10	0	14	1	2	17
December	12	13	4	18	3	0	25
January	6	14	2	14	3	1	20
February	12	10	4	14	4	0	22
March	15	15	4	19	6	1	30
Total	138	149	44	192	47	4	287

2014/15	Picked up by DW	Picked up other	Returned by DW	Claimed	Rehomed	PTS	Total
April	8	13	1	16	4	0	21
May	7	10	0	12	5	0	17
June	14	16	9	17	3	1	30
July	10	13	6	15	2	0	23
August	13	6	5	9	4	1	19
September	8	6	5	7	1	1	14
October	10	8	2	11	5	0	18
November	11	13	3	15	6	0	24
December	11	12	3	3	7	0	13
January	6	12	3	15	0	0	18
February	10	3	3	6	4	0	13
March	16	14	5	20	4	1	30

Total	124	126	45	146	45	4	240
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2015/16	Picked up by DW	Picked up other	Returned by DW	Claimed	Rehomed	PTS	Total
April	8	10	4	10	4	0	18
May	6	12	3	14	1	0	18
June	8	10	4	12	2	0	18
July	14	18	9	15	6	2	32
August	6	9	4	10	1	0	15
September	6	6	1	9	2	0	12
October	14	6	6	12	2	0	20
November	8	4	3	6	2	1	12
December	7	6	4	8	1	0	13
January	8	5	4	7	2	0	13
February	8	4	4	6	1	0	12
March	13	11	4	16	4		24
Total	106	101	50	125	28	3	207

2016/17	Picked up by DW	Picked up other	Returned by DW	Claimed	Rehomed	PTS	Total
April	9	2	4	6	1	0	11
May	5	8	1	10	2	0	13
June	9	10	4	10	5	0	19
July	6	7	3	8	2	0	13
August	6	6	2	7	3	0	12
September	6	4	3	7	0	0	10
October	6	5	1	9	1	0	11
November	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
December	7	8	4	6	5	0	15
January	7	5	3	9	0	0	12
February	10	4	4	7	3	0	14
March	4	1	2	3	0	0	5
Total	76	61	32	83	22	0	137