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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0447 - Dog Wardens
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 16 March 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I would like to make the following Freedom of Information Request.

- 1) In the last three calendar years (2016, 2015, 2014), how many dogs have been collected in Aberdeen by Dog Wardens? -Can this information be broken down by area?**

The following table shows dogs uplifted by the dog wardens and known other agencies

Year	Uplifted by Dog Warden	Uplifted by Police/third party	Total
2014	125	135	260
2015	109	109	218
2016	82	76	158

We are unable to break the information down into area as we do not always record this level of detail. Therefore, ACC is unable to provide you with this information 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.

- 2) Where stray dogs have been collected by a Dog Warden in Aberdeen how many have been:**

a) Reunited with owners and b) put down/destroyed

Can this information also be broken down into the last three calendar years (2016, 2015, 2014)?

Year	Reunited with owner	Rehomed	Unknown
2014	121 (* ¹ 102)	1 (31)	
2015	95 (91)	11 (18)	
2016	79 (52)	3 (21)	* ² 1

*¹ Brackets indicated stray dogs collected by police/third parties and not the dog wardens

*² Dog still boarded at Cat and Dog Home

Aberdeen City Council do not take the decision put any stray dogs to sleep. After 7 days, should a stray dog not be claimed, then it is signed over to Mrs Murray's Cat and Dogs Home for rehoming. If a dog is terminally ill or seriously injured the Cat and Dog Home may make the decision to have it euthanized at this time.

3) How long do owners have to collect their dogs from the home after being placed there by Dog Wardens?

7 days

4) If the dogs in the kennels are not re-united with their owners within this time frame what happens to them?

Aberdeen City Council kennel all strays at Mrs Murrays Cat and Dog Home. Should a dog not be reunited with its owner within 7 days of the dog wardens placing it in the kennels as a stray, the dog warden will sign the dog over to Mrs Murrays Cat and Dog Home who will then rehome the dog.

5) How much does it cost for dog owners to retrieve their animal from the kennels after being placed there by a Dog Warden?

£62.75 * [£28.25 for owners who agree to have their dogs Identichipped. In some instances, there is no fee for the first uplift for Identichipped dogs with no previous history of straying.

An additional payment in respect of boarding charges of £10.00 for each day, or part day, of detention will be applicable in all cases

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Nicky Leiper
Information Compliance Officer

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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