

Reference: FOI-538

## Request:

I am requesting the following information:

- 1. In 2022, how many enquiries and/or reports of suspected illicit puppy trading were received by your local authority?
  - a. In 2022, how many of those are related to imported puppies?
- 2. In 2022, how many investigations into suspected illicit puppy trading were carried out by your local authority?
  - a. In 2022, how many investigations resulted in no further action?
  - b. In 2022, how many investigations resulted in a formal warning/caution?
  - c. In 2022, how many investigations resulted in other, formal action?
- 3. In 2022, how many successful prosecutions did your local authority undertake in relation to illicit puppy trading?

## Response:

- 1. 11 enquiries were received.
  - a) 2 enquiries were in relation to imported puppies.
- 2. 11 investigations were carried out.
  - a) 0 investigations resulted in no further action.
  - b) 10 investigations resulted in a formal warning/caution.
  - c) 1 investigation resulted in other, formal action.
- 3. 0 prosecutions were undertaken.

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