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RESPONSE SENT:	13/01/2025

Please see the responses in bold type.

Request:

During the years:-

January 2020 - December 2020

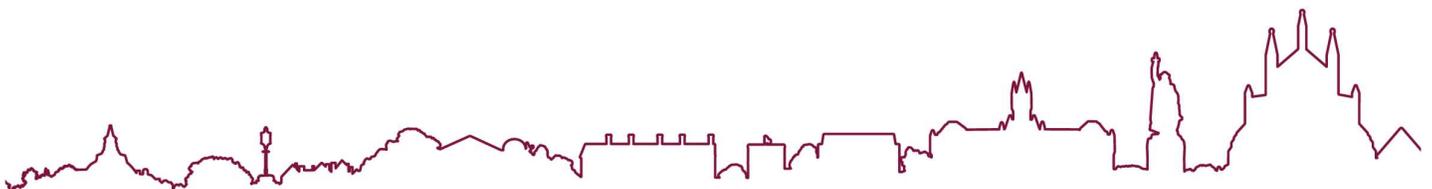
January 2021 - December 2021

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? **We do not accept cats. See Table 1**
2. How many of these dogs/cats were euthanised? **We do not accept cats. See Table 1**
3. For each dog/cat that was euthanised can you provide the breed, age, gender, microchip status and reason for euthanasia? **See Table 2**
4. How many were reclaimed by their owners? **See Table 1**
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 - A) How many were passed to a welfare organisation. **See Table 1**
 - B) What checks do you make on the welfare organisation prior to sending dogs to rescue? **We require the rescue to be a registered charity.**
 - C) What is the criteria for being an accepted as a local authority welfare organisation? **See 5.B.**
6. In relation to question 5 How many dogs and cats were subsequently rehomed and how many were euthanised at the rescue/rehoming/kennel facility? **We do not hold this information**
- 7 What is the amount of money spent euthanising dogs during the dates stated above? **We do not have the costs broken down into euthanasia costs and non-euthanasia costs, they are all included in the figure for vet fees in Table 3**



8 What is the amount of money spent on vets fees, not including euthanasia during the dates stated above? **We do not have the costs broken down into euthanasia costs and non-euthanasia costs, they are all included in the figure for vet fees in Table 3**

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. **We have not seized any dogs as banned breeds**

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

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

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:

Note that we do not contract out the management of strays, this is in-house. However, we do have a contract for kennelling, which does not have key performance indicators. For amount paid to the kennels, see Table 3

Number of dogs/cats collected, **See Table 1**

Number of dogs/cats reunited within 24 hours, **See Table 1 (we do not keep records that distinguish between the first 24 hours and subsequently)**

Number of dogs/cats reunited after 24 hours and before 7 clear days, **See Table 1 (we do not keep records that distinguish between the first 24 hours and subsequently)**

Number of dogs/cats re-homed, **See Table 1**

Number of dogs/cats euthanised including:

Breed, Sex, Microchip Number, Age, Reason for Euthanasia, How body disposed. **See Table 2**

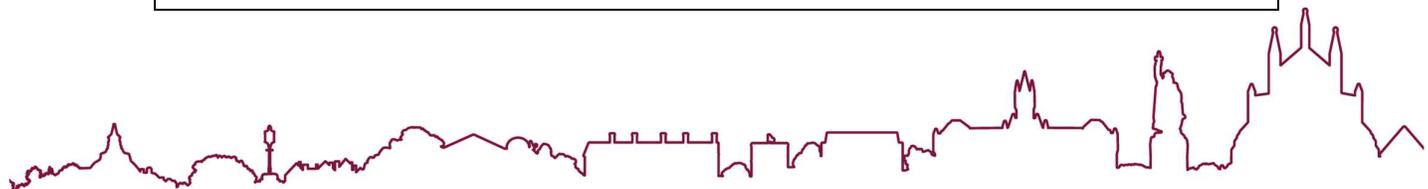
13 Please include and specify full details of dogs surrendered, rehomed or euthanised via the RSPCA, vet practices and local police authorities. **We have not had dogs surrendered, rehomed or euthanised via RSPCA or Police. All dogs are euthanised by local veterinary practices.**

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

All dogs euthanised are submitted for communal cremation

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

Do you provide cats with the same 7 day holding period as dogs to give time for owners to be located? **We do not accept cats**

On completion of a 7 day holding period does the cat become the property of the local authority? **N/A**

How do you proceed with rehoming? **N/A**

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

Why? **There is no statutory duty to deal with stray cats**

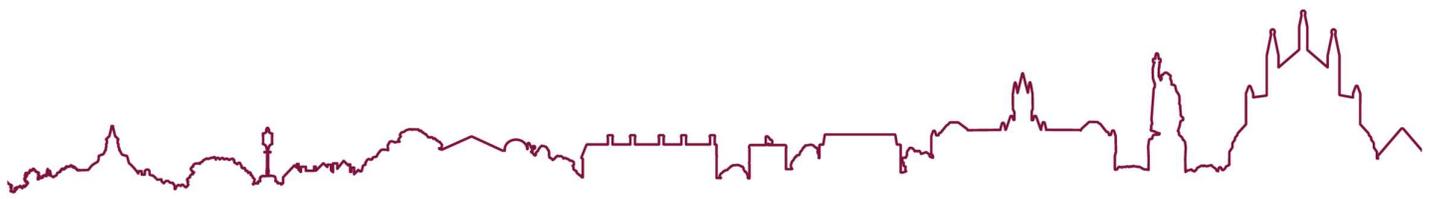
What happens to microchipped and non microchipped cats who are believed to be strays? **We would refer any information to a cat rescue society**

Do local vet practices contact you for stray facilities? **No**

What is your policy relating to deceased cats? Please provide details of scanning microchips, logging information, reunification procedures and disposal methods. **If a dead cat is found on a highway, our waste contractor would collect it and scan for a microchip. If chipped, we would contact the cat owners and ask if they want to collect the cat. Any dead cats not claimed are sent for communal cremation. If a dead cat is found by a member of the public, we are happy to scan the cat for them and the same procedure would apply.**

Table 1 - Details of dogs seized as strays by Winchester City Council (by calendar year)

Year	Euthanised	Reclaimed by Owner	To Dog Rescue	Rehomed Direct	Total Dogs
2020	1	50	22	0	73
2021	1	33	30	3	67
2022	2	35	46	3	86
2023	6	38	40	9	93



2024	3	26	39	4	72
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Table 2 - Details of Winchester City Council euthanised dogs

Year	Dog breed	Age	Gender	Microchip status	Reason for euthanasia
2020	Lurcher	Unknown	Male	<u>No chip</u>	Very ill – vet advice
2021	Jack Russell	Approx 14 yrs	Male	<u>Chip details up to date</u>	Had bitten several people, too dangerous to rehome
2022	Cocker Spaniel	Unknown	Male	<u>No chip</u>	Very ill – vet advice
2022	Cocker Spaniel	3 years	Female	<u>Chipped but details not current</u>	Paralysed in traffic accident – vet advice
2023	XL Bully type	3 years	Female	<u>Chipped but details not current</u>	Banned breed
2023	Chow	Unknown	Female	<u>No chip</u>	Very aggressive
2023	Pocket Bully	1 year	Male	<u>Chipped but details not current</u>	Deformed – put to sleep for welfare reason, agreed by vet
2023	XL Bully type	1 year	Female	<u>Chipped but details not current</u>	Banned breed
2023	Kangal	Unknown	Male	<u>Foreign chip not traceable</u>	Very aggressive
2023	Lurcher	3 years	Female	<u>Chipped but details not current</u>	Very ill – vet advice



2023	XL Bully type	1 year	Male	<u>Chipped but details not current</u>	Banned breed
2024	XL Bully type	6 months	Female	<u>No chip</u>	Banned breed
2024	XL Bully type	6 months	Female	<u>No chip</u>	Banned breed
2024	XL Bully type	9 months	Female	Chip not registered	Banned breed

Table 3 - Vet and Kennelling Costs

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vet fees</u>	<u>Kennelling Costs</u>
2020	1,045.46	21,136.92
2021	1,496.97	21,900.00
2022	2,491.80	23,997.60
2023	3,602.12	25,374.35
2024	2,281.79	26,556.78

