



Response to Request for Information

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Stray and Abandoned Dogs

Request:

I'm looking to find out the percentages of Wolverhampton from the results of the 2014 Dog Rescue Federation survey, which been published and provide a unique picture of how local authorities, including those in West Midlands, are dealing with the UK's stray and abandoned dog problem.

In the West Midlands region (including Hereford, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands conurbation) local councils handled a total of 10,247 stray dogs. Of these, 27% were passed to dog rescue centres for rehoming, 21% were handed over to privately-run dog kennels to be resold and 3% were re-homed by the councils themselves. 5% of all the stray dogs handled in the West Midlands were put to sleep - slightly below the national average of 6%, and under half (37%) of the region's strays were returned to their owners.

If I could find out the percentages of the areas across Wolverhampton who dealt with stray and abandoned dogs in this period that would be great.

In 2014 of the dogs that went to our Kennels:

26% stray dogs were put to sleep (due to exhibiting aggressive behaviour or for health reasons)

3 % were – re-homed

31% were claimed by the owner