

60543 Stray Dogs

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2020 to 25 February 2026:

The total number of stray dogs reported to and handled by the council each year.

We have responded to this is Q4 below

The number of these dogs that were injured each year.

Nil

The number of these dogs that were microchipped. How many of these were microchipped with owners details up to date?

Our system just has a field for Microchip number so it is either written in on entry if there is a chip or added later when they are rehomed so I don't think we can determine the difference between microchipped on entry and those microchipped later.

A breakdown of the outcome for these dogs each year:

Number returned to owners

Number rehomed

Number transferred to rescue organisations

Number euthanised

Dogs from Edinburgh Council							
Outcomes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan-Feb
Claimed	13	12	19	22	6	8	1
Rehomed	2	5	2	0	4	1	0
Put to sleep	1	0	0	1	2	5	1
Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	16	17	21	23	12	14	2

If recorded, the reasons for euthanasia (e.g. medical, behavioural, unclaimed).

These decisions are taken by the Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home.

2020: 1 dog due to multiple health issues.

2023: 1 dog due to it's behaviour - aggressive towards people.

2024: 2 dogs, one due to multiple health issues and the other was age related (dog was 15 years old).

2025: 5 dogs, one due to health - skin issues impacting it's welfare. One due to an old non-repairable injury impacting it's welfare, and the other three were due to each having multiple health issues.

The total annual cost to the council of managing stray dogs.

Please refer to the table below which provides the third-party kennelling fees recharged to the Council, specifically in relation to stray dogs. There are no other costs separately recorded in relation to managing stray dogs.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan- Feb
Total Gross	£327.60	£546.00	£235.20	£126.00	£756.00	£756.00	£126.00