

61056 Stray Dogs, Kennelling, and Outcomes

Regarding the handling of stray dogs and kennelling arrangements within your authority.

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, or the most recent 5-year period available.

If providing 5 years of data would exceed the cost limit, please provide the most recent 3-year period instead.

Stray Dog Intake and Outcomes

- a) The total number of stray dogs taken into your authority's care.

None. Stray dogs are collected and deposited at EDCH (Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home). Dogs are not held by The City of Edinburgh Council as we have no kennelling facilities.

- b) Of those, the number:

Reclaimed by owners

Rehomed (via rescues or otherwise)

Euthanised

Transferred to rescue organisations

The numbers of stray dogs referred to EDCH, broken down as requested, is published on our Disclosure Log at:

<https://edinburgh.axlr8.uk/disclose/>

Please enter '60543' in the Search field.

Kennelling and Costs

- a) The average cost per dog per day for kennelling.

£15/day net charged by EDCH to The City of Edinburgh Council. This cost has now been increased, but not applicable during this time range. The actual cost per dog for EDCH is considerably more than this.

- b) The average length of stay for stray dogs.

The average length of stay for all EDCH dogs during this period was 69 days.

- c) The total annual cost of stray dog kennelling (if available).

As detailed above, the third-party kennelling fees recharged to the Council are published under previous request 60543.

Holding Period and Decision Making

- a) The standard holding period for stray dogs before outcome decisions.

Standard seven days.

b) Whether your authority has arrangements with rescue organisations for rehoming.

Yes, the EDCH (Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home).

c) If so, the criteria used to determine whether a dog is suitable for rehoming.

The suitability for rehoming is determined by the EDCH.

Dogs Suspected of Prohibited Type

We are unable to answer these questions because The City of Edinburgh Council do not bring prohibited breeds in as strays to the EDCH.

Where recorded:

a) The number of stray dogs identified or suspected to be of a prohibited type.

This is not recorded by the Council. All reports are directed to Police Scotland.

b) The number of such dogs:

Referred to police

Retained in kennels pending assessment

Euthanised

Transferred to rescue (if applicable)

This is not recorded by the Council. All reports and enquiries are passed to Police Scotland at the time of the enquiry.

c) Whether stray dogs identified or suspected as being of a prohibited type are afforded the standard statutory 7-day holding period under Section 149 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Not applicable.

d) Where such dogs are not afforded the 7-day holding period, please provide:

- the policy or legal basis for this decision.
- whether the dog is immediately transferred to police.
- and the point at which responsibility transfers from the local authority to the police.

Not applicable.

e) Whether any internal guidance or policy exists regarding the handling of stray dogs suspected to be of a prohibited type, and if so, please provide a copy.

There is no written policy as prohibited breeds are immediately referred to Police Scotland.