

62188 Animal Welfare Cost Data

We would be grateful if you could provide any of the following information:

The total expenditure on any contracted service related to animal welfare (e.g. kennelling, veterinary care, or rehoming) incurred as a result of any animal welfare enforcement activity, broken down by service (including farmed, wild and companion animals) for the following financial years:

2023/24 (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024),

2024/25 (01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025),

2025/26 (01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026).

£0.00

Total legal costs associated with animal welfare prosecutions broken down by court fees, counsel/legal representation and prosecution-related legal expenses for the following financial years:

2023/24 (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024),

2024/25 (01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025),

2025/26 (01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026).

£0.00

Any other staff time and associated costs attributable to animal welfare enforcement activities.

This may include, but is not limited to, inspections, case management, and liaising with other organisations such as RSPCA and the police for the following financial years:

2023/24 (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024),

2024/25 (01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025),

2025/26 (01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026).

If you are not able to provide the exact figure, please provide a rough estimate.

Staff will be contacted by various stakeholders, e.g. Police Scotland and the SSPCA from time to time. Costs and time are not separately recorded.

Any other costs associated with animal welfare enforcement activity not already included under staffing costs, legal costs or contracted services.

This may include any other operational, administrative or incidental costs related to enforcement activity involving farmed, wild and companion animals, for the following financial years:

2023/24 (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024),

2024/25 (01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025),

2025/26 (01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026).

Farmed animal welfare enforcement is undertaken by staff within our Licensing Enforcement Team, which has an overall annual budget of £480,000 covering a range of enforcement responsibilities from civic licensing, petroleum, fireworks and animal health/welfare.

There is no specific budget for animal welfare enforcement.