

**FOI – 478/2015**

**REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

- How much does it cost the local authority to pound stray dogs every month for 2015?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£364.00</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£700.00</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£448.00</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£966.00</b>
	<b>May</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£476.00</b>
	<b>April</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£434.00</b>
	<b>March</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£1,140.00</b>
	<b>February</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£962.00</b>
	<b>January</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£744.00</b>

- How much does it cost for the local authority to pound stray dogs year on year? Please can we have the yearly figures broken down over the last 5 years – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, up to and including 2015

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£3,036 (from Sept backwards, the dog warden service was outsourced, so we do not have a breakdown of these costs).</b>
	<b>2012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£11,704</b>
	<b>2013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£9,901</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£9,205</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£6,234</b>

- Please can you also tell us what the council's process is from the report of a stray dog to impounding it?

**Answer:**

- 1. Council receive report from member of the public who have found the stray dog.**
- 2. The dog wardens attend and scan the dog for a microchip or a tag.**
- 3. If a microchip is found the dog wardens will try to contact the owner.**

4. If possible then return to owner.
5. If unable then the dog will be kept at our holding kennels until 4.00pm on the day.
6. If no-one comes forward for the dog, it is transported to the boarding kennels.
7. By law we have to keep the dog for a maximum of 7 days, it would then either be claimed, rehomed or destroyed.

- Finally, how many unclaimed dogs are rehomed and how many are put down a month?

**Answer: In September there were:**

14	-	Seized
7	-	Claimed
4	-	Rehomed
1	-	HBF (Held By Finder)
1	-	Pending
1	-	Police involved