

FOI – 478/2015

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

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

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

- 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

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

- 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