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We received your request on the 10/06/2026

Request

You asked us:

Dogs
1. What were the total number of dog theft/abduction crimes in 2024, and in 2025 (with monthly breakdowns if possible)?

2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft/abduction crime in 2024, and 2025?

3. Please show how many of the recorded crime outcomes in 2024 and 2025 are under:
a) The Theft Act 1968
b) The Pet Abduction Act 2024
4. How many dogs were listed with each dog theft/abduction crime in 2024 and 2025?

5. Can details about stolen/abducted dog breed, sex, age, and location of theft (outside shop, from train etc) also be provided for 2024 and 2025 please?

Cats
1. What were the total number of cat theft/abduction crimes in 2024, and in 2025 (with monthly breakdowns if possible)?

2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft/abduction crime in 2024, and 2025?

3. Please show how many of the recorded crime outcomes in 2024 and 2025 are under:
a) The Theft Act 1968
b) The Pet Abduction Act 2024
4. How many cats were listed with each cat theft/abduction crime in 2024 and 2025? Can any multiple thefts/abductions with one crime please be highlighted.

5. Can details about stolen/abducted cat breed, sex, age, and location of theft (from train etc) also be provided for 2024 and 2025 please?

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

A search of the records management system, Niche, reveals that from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025, British Transport Police recorded 0 offences under BTP crime code “J34 Abduction of pet dog/cat”.

From 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025 British Transport Police recorded 0 offences where the linked stolen property freetext description field mentioned a ‘cat’ or ‘dog’.