Stray Dog Survey 2023- 2024

Welcome page

We would be extremely grateful if you could complete this short online survey before the closing date of 31/07/2024  
   
 Your response will help to give the most complete national picture of the stray dog situation in the UK. The findings of the survey will enable us to raise public awareness of stray dog issues, inform our behaviour change interventions aimed at establishing responsible dog ownership and help us to direct our support to where it is needed most. It would be most appreciated if you would complete the survey, even if you don’t consider your area to have a major stray dog problem.

I have read and understood the above and am happy to continue with this survey

* Yes
* No

Please put your **local authority name** in the box below:

Leicester City Council

Please indicate the preferred email address to which future Stray Dog Surveys should be sent (if you prefer the survey to be sent as an Freedom of Information (FOI) request in the future, please include the email for the team that deals with FOI requests):

[info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an alternative email address to the one above, if appropriate (e.g., if you have used an individual email address above, insert a more generic one here, in case of a future change in staff roles):

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**Q1** Is the dog warden service for your local authority:

* Employed directly
* Contracted out
* Both employed directly AND contracted out (e.g. a contractor is used for the out of hours service)
* N/A, there is no dog warden service for this local authority
* Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q2.** If at least part of your dog warden service is employed directly by the council, how many individuals are responsible for this service in the following capacities:

Full-time staff members whose role is entirely dedicated to dog warden/ stray dog-related services: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Part-time staff members whose role is entirely dedicated to dog warden/ stray dog-related services : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Full-time staff whose role includes dog warden services, but also involves other duties, unrelated to dogs (e.g. environmental officer) : \_\_\_4\_\_\_\_

Part-time staff whose role includes dog warden services, but also involves other duties, unrelated to dogs (e.g. environmental officer) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total : \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_

**Q3.** How many of the following facilities do you have access to for housing stray dogs? (Please note: We are looking for the number of facilities, NOT the number of individual kennels/ capacity within facilities)

Council-owned kennels: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Private boarding kennels/contractor kennels: \_\_\_1\_\_\_\_

Welfare charity kennels: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q4** If you have multiple facilities available for housing stray dogs, what are the factors that influence your decision on where to take a stray dog? (please select all that apply)

* Not applicable- we do not have multiple facilities to choose from
* Kennel space
* Distance from collection point
* Kennel proficiency/ reputation
* Cost
* Kennel preferences or restrictions based on what breeds they are willing/able to accept (provide more detail in the space below, if necessary)

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* Kennel preferences or restrictions based on what dog behaviours they are willing/able to accept (provide more detail in the box below, if necessary)

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* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q5.** What was the total number of dogs handled by your local authority during the period 1st April 2023-31st March 2024?  
 *(This includes dogs seized as strays by the local authority, dogs handed in or given up by members of the public, and any other means by which dogs come into your care. This should also include dogs handled by the local authority who were returned to their owner without kenneling.)*

How many dogs arrived or were taken in between 1st April 2023-31st March 2024: \_\_\_\_184\_\_\_

How many dogs were already in your care on 1st April 2023 (i.e. they arrived into your care **prior** to 1st April 2023) : \_\_\_unknown, figure is not kept\_\_\_\_

Total: \_184\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q6.** Of the dogs arrived or were taken in during the period 1st April 2023-31st March 2024, how many arrived or were taken in for the following reasons?  
If you do not know this information, or it is not recorded, please just put the total number of dogs taken in (see answer to Q5) into the "unknown" category to move on.

Unknown : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Taken in as a lost or stray dog (i.e. found without their owner) : \_184\_\_\_\_\_\_

Surrendered/relinquished to the local authority by their owner : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_184\_\_\_\_

**Q7.** Of the dogs that were taken in by your local authority as lost/stray dogs. How many of these dogs arrived at the local authority by the following routes?   
If you do not know this information, or it is not recorded, please just put the total lost/stray dogs (see answer to Q6) into the "unknown" category to move on.

Unknown: \_\_184\_\_\_\_\_

Found and collected by dog warden (or equivalent staff member) while out on patrol: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Collected by dog warden after being notified by a member of the public: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Brought in by a member of the public: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Brought in by the police: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Brought in via a vet practice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_184\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q8.** Of the dogs that arrived or were taken in during the period 1st April 2023-31st March 2024, how many were in response to the Dangerous Dogs Act/Order? (please leave blank if you do not have this information, and put "0" if there were none)

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**Q9.** What were the **top three most common breed types** taken in between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024? If you do not have this information recorded, please estimate based on your day-to-day experiences. Please indicate your choices by putting the numbers 1, 2 and 3 next to the three most common breeds from the list below. If you want to make a choice that’s not on the list, please choose one of the “other” options and write the breed in the space provided.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Breed types | Ranking (1= most common, 2= second most common, 3= third most common) |
| Border collie |  |
| German Shepherd Dog |  |
| Jack Russell Terrier (or JRT cross) |  |
| Labrador |  |
| Lurcher |  |
| Spaniel (springer or cocker) |  |
| Staffordshire bull terrier (or SBT cross) | 3 |
| Crossbreed (bully mix/type) |  |
| Crossbreed (collie mix/type) |  |
| Crossbreed (poodle mix/type) |  |
| Crossbreed (terrier mix/type) |  |
| Crossbreed (unknown mix) |  |
| Other \_\_\_xl bully\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 2 |
| Other \_\_\_\_French bulldog\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1 |
| Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

**Q10.** Was the information provided in Question 9 (top three most common breeds) an estimate?

* Exact answer given (according to our records)
* Estimate based on experience

**Q11.** Of the dogs that arrived or were taken in between 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, how many were already microchipped when they arrived? Please tell us how many had correct and incorrect owner details on their chips, if you have this information. If you do not know then just put the total number of dogs (see Q5.) in the 'unknown" option:

Unknown : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number already microchipped (with CORRECT owner details on chip) : \_26\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number already microchipped (with INCORRECT owner details on chip) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number already microchipped (unknown whether details correct or incorrect) : \_126\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number already microchipped (but chip unregistered) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number already microchipped (but database not recognised in UK) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number without a microchip : \_32\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total : \_184\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q12.** Of the dogs that were handled between 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, how many had the following outcomes? This should add up to the total number of dogs that you said your local authority handled in this period.

Unknown : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Still in Local Authority kennels after 31st March 2024 : \_\_3\_\_\_\_\_

Reunited with their original owners : \_\_\_92\_\_\_\_

Rehomed by the local authority (to new owners) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Passed on to a welfare organisation or rehoming centre for possible rehoming after the statutory period : \_\_51\_\_\_\_\_

Put to sleep : \_\_38\_\_\_\_

Other outcome 1 (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other outcome 2 (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other outcome 3 (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total : \_184\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q13.** Of the dogs that were put to sleep between 1 April 2023- 31 March 2024, how many were put to sleep for the following reasons:  
If you do not know this information or it is not recorded, please just put the total number put to sleep into the "unknown" category to move on. Skip this question if no dogs were put to sleep.

Unknown : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Put to sleep due to ill health : \_6\_\_\_\_\_\_

Put to sleep due to behavioural problems/aggression : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Put to sleep due to Dangerous Dogs Act/Order : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Put to sleep due to being unclaimed/no rescue available : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason 1 (please specify) : not re-homable 32\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason 2 (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other reason 3 (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_38\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q14.** Of the dogs who were reunited with their original owners, how were these dogs reunited?   
If you do not know this information or it is not recorded, please just put the total number of dogs reunited (see Q12) into the "unknown" category to move on.

Unknown: \_92\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reclaimed by owners during the statutory local authority kennelling period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Returned directly to the owners without kennelling: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q15.** Of the dogs that were reunited with their owners between 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, how many were reunited because you were able to make contact with the owner (e.g. via microchip or ID tag details), and how many were reunited because the owner contacted you?   
If you do not know this information or it is not recorded, please just put the total number of dogs reunited (see Q12) into the "unknown" category to move on.

Unknown : \_92\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local authority contacted the owner : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Owner contacted the local authority : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q16.** Of the dogs that were reunited with their owners as a result of the local authority being able to contact them (see Q15), how many were returned or reclaimed as a result of the following being a primary factor.

Unknown : \_\_92\_\_\_\_\_

Dog having a microchip (with correct, up to date information) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dog wearing an identification disc (aka collar and tag) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dog having a microchip and/or identification disc (unsure which was primary factor) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dog already known to dog warden : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Website for reuniting lost dogs with owners (e.g. doglost.co.uk) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Social media (e.g. lost dog post on a local interest page) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other factor (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other factor (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other factor (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q17.** How often do you deal with dogs who have already been through your Local Authority's stray dog services? (e.g. the same dog is picked up/ brought in on more than one occasion)

* Never
* Rarely
* Sometimes
* Often
* Very often

Please use this space to clarify your answer above, if necessary:

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**Q18.** Do you scan and check the owner details on the dogs microchip (even if they have a tag)?

* Always
* Most of the time
* Occasionally
* Never

**Q19.** How many dogs who were microchipped were not able to be returned to their owners from 1st April 2023- 31st March 2024 as a result of the following factors (if you do not have this information, please leave blank):

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Number of dogs |
| No contact details available.  (incorrect details, unregistered chip, or details inaccessible) |  |
| Unwanted by owner |  |
| Dog can't be returned for reasons related to Dangerous Dogs Act (e.g. suspected dog of type) |  |
| Other factor 1 (please specify) |  |
| Other factor 2 (please specify) |  |
| Other factor 3 (please specify) |  |

**Q20.** Do you offer a microchipping service?

* No
* Yes, fully funded (free to the owner)
* Yes, partially funded (owner pays reduced fee)
* Yes, owner pays the full amount

**Q21.** When a dog is returned to their original owner, is the owner provided with any of the following (as a means to prevent future straying):

* Leaflets or flyers created by the council
* Signposted to online resources created by the council
* Signposted to external resources (e.g. a charity webpage). Please specify below: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Verbal advice given by staff
* No advice is offered
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q23.** How much do owners need to pay to reclaim their dog? (Please include details such as charges per day in kennels, and any additional fees that can be incurred by owners)

\_\_£40 + £11.40 per day for kenneling plus any outstanding vet fees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Q24.** How much does it cost the Local Authority to keep a dog in kennels (Please indicate if this is the cost per day or a one-off amount. Please also indicate any variations in cost, for example, if the cost of keeping a dog at a private boarding facility is different from a council-owned kennel)

\_\_£9.50 per day per dog for kenneling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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