



3 November 2021

## Request

For dog licences from 2012-2020 please can you confirm:

- i. The fee by year.
- ii. The income generated through the collection of fees for dog licences by Parish and by year.
- iii. The number of dogs collected and housed by Parish and by year until such time they were returned to the owner.
- iv. The cost by Parish and by year to collect and house a stray dog.
- v. The number of dogs which were not claimed and subsequently rehomed by Parish and by year.
- vi. The number of dogs which were not claimed and subsequently sold by Parish and by year.
- vii. The income generated by Parish and by year through the sale of unclaimed dogs.
- viii. Uses of the funds generated by the collection of dog licence fees.
- ix. If the uses requested in vii are identified, the spend by Parish and by Year.
- x. How records of dog licences are kept - if different by Parish please specify; for example, manual record keeping in a book, excel spreadsheet, data management system (bespoke or otherwise).

## Response

- i) This information is exempt under Article 23 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011. See exemption details below.

**FOI exemption applied:** Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means  
Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

**Justification for exemption:** the fees are set in legislation which is available on [jerseylaw.je](http://jerseylaw.je)

- From 1 March 2020 - £10 licence fee; see [Dogs \(Licence Fee\) \(Jersey\) Order 2019 \(jerseylaw.je\)](#)
- 2012 to 29 February 2020 - £5 licence fee; see [Dogs \(Licence Duty\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2004 \(jerseylaw.je\)](#)

- ii) Income generated by Parish/year 2012-2020 (note – the figures relate to the financial year ending 30 April)

Parish	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
St Brelade	£6,475	£5,790	£6,955	£6,905	£7,380	£7,360	£7,195	£7,485	£7,820
St Clement	£3,695	£3,675	£4,215	£4,675	£5,580	£5,395	£5,770	£4,927	£5,567
Grouville	£2,796	£2,340	£2,260	£2,390	£2,645	£2,880	£2,621	£2,865	£2,895
St Helier	£9,357	£7,590	£7,785	£8,211	£9,380	£9,555	£9,470	£9,345	£8,570
St John	£1,830	£1,725	£1,375	£2,080	£2,065	£2,350	£2,345	£2,450	£5,465
St Lawrence	£2,905	£3,355	£3,010	£3,040	£3,365	£3,240	£3,050	£3,000	£3,180
St Martin	£1,659	£1,775	£1,714	£2,132	£2,661	£2,483	£2,883	£2,822	£2,936
St Mary	Information is not held						£1,600	£1,600	£1,690
St Ouen	£3,500	£3,215	£3,355	£3,605	£3,695	£3,860	£3,098	£3,125	£3,173
St Peter	£2,945	£3,040	£3,205	£3,385	£3,600	£3,635	£3,580	£3,605	£3,790
St Saviour	£3,830	£4,395	5,610	7,525	£6215	£6,545	£6,275	£6,940	£7,350
Trinity	£1,290	£1,630	£1,960	£2,190	£1,875	£2,225	£2,255	£2,110	£2,495

- iii) Number of dogs collected and housed by Parish and by year until returned to the owner – a dog may be returned to the owner at point of capture or after collection but before being placed in a kennel; the figures relate to the contract year (December – November) and to the Parish in which the stray dog is found rather than where the owner is resident.

Parish	2012 -2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All parishes	Information not held	104	74	65	-	-	-
St Brelade					12	2	2
St Clement					6	5	0
Grouville					4	0	1
St Helier					26	10	8
St John					4	3	0
St Lawrence					7	2	1
St Martin					4	2	1
St Mary					11	0	0
St Ouen					5	0	1
St Peter					2	0	0
St Saviour					15	4	5
Trinity					4	1	0

- iv) Cost by Parish and year to collect and house a stray dog – the dog owner is responsible for paying all costs if a dog has to be collected and/or housed whilst the owner is traced (charges currently are from £70 for collection and from £20 per day for housing); see Article 7 of the [Dogs \(Jersey\) Law 1961 \(jerseylaw.je\)](#).
- v) Number of dogs not claimed and subsequently rehomed by Parish and year – 3 (St Saviour in 2012; St Clement in 2012 & 2014).

- vi) Number of dogs not claimed and subsequently sold by Parish and year - Nil
- vii) Income generated by Parish and year through sale of unclaimed dogs – Nil
- viii) Uses of funds generated by the collection of dog licence fees - the fee for a licence is credited to the General Account of the parish in which it is received (see Article 5 of Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961 (jerseylaw.je))
- ix) Dog licence fees are applied to general expenses of the Parish and not to specific uses. The Parish accounts show all expenditure, Parish accounts are exempt under Article 23 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011. See exemption details below.

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**Justification for exemption:**

Parish accounts are available on Parish websites (for recent years) or may be viewed at the Parish Hall (for earlier years).

- x) How records of dog licences are kept – electronic format in all parishes.

