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**TITLE / CATEGORY:** Other – Brucella Canis Testing

### **REQUEST**

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide an annual breakdown since 2017, and including so far in 2023, how many dogs owned by your organisation have tested positive for Brucella canis.

Please also give the number of tests done every year for Brucella canis.

For any positive test please explain when the disease was identified, where the animal was living, the precautions put in place, if the infection spread, what happened to the dog and measures in place to ensure the disease does not spread in future.

Please confirm receipt of this request. I am happy to provide clarification if needed.

### **RESPONSE**

I can confirm we have had 3 dogs in service since 2017.

- Minnie a Belgian Malinois 23 May- 5 October 2018
- Frankie, Belgian Malinois 13 September 2018 to present
- Merlin, Dutch Herder/ Labrador Cross 7 December 2020 to present.

None of the dogs have shown any signs of Brucella canis, and have not left the UK so have not been tested. (As directed by Alnorthumbria Vets).

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service have control measures in place which include 6 monthly health checks.

Any printed documents are considered uncontrolled.

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