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Table 1

The breed and number of working dogs in Six government departments

Breed and Number of Working Dogs	Government Departments					
	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Customs and Excise Department	Correctional Services Department	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Fire Services Department	Hong Kong Police Force
Labrador	5	44	7	3	5	29
Beagle	2	0	1	1	0	0
Springer Spaniel	0	5	22	0	0	29
Belgian Shepherd (Malinois)	0	0	0	0	0	74
German Shepherd	0	0	27	0	0	43
Rottweiler	0	0	0	0	0	5
Doberman	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunming Dog	0	0	4	0	0	0
Cross-breed	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	49	61	4	5	184

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Table 2

The number of working dogs that are (A) retired, (B) adopted after retirement and (C) euthanised after retirement over the past five years

Year		Government Departments					
		Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Customs and Excise Department	Correctional Services Department	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Fire Services Department	Hong Kong Police Force
2010	(A)	0	4	8	0	0	10
	(B)	0	4	1	0	0	10
	(C)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	(A)	0	3	3	0	0	11
	(B)	0	3	1	0	0	11
	(C)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	(A)	0	2	3	0	0	13
	(B)	0	2	6	0	0	9
	(C)	0	0	0	0	0	1*
2013	(A)	0	7	5	0	2	22
	(B)	0	7	1	0	2	16

	(C)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	(A)	0	12	3	0	0	19
	(B)	0	12	6	0	0	17
	(C)	0	0	0	0	0	0

* In 2012, a nine-year-old retired Malinois police dog had to be euthanised on the recommendation of a veterinary surgeon after being diagnosed as suffering from gastric dilatation volvulus.

As retired working dogs pending adoption are arranged to spend their remaining days in comfort in the department, working dogs adopted in one year are not limited to those dogs that retired in the same year.