



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01986

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Police Animals

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

Please tell me how many police dogs have been put down in the last five years.

Answer

Four police dogs have been put down in the last five years.

Question 2

Please give the name, type of dog and age at death.

Question 3

Please give the reason the animal was killed.

Please see the table below which details the name, type, age of the dog at death and the reason it was put down.

Name	Type	Age at Death	Reason
Baz	Malinois German	5 years	Handler Aggression, Unable to re-home
Ander	Shepherd German	3 years	Sever and debilitating arthritis
Cobi	Shepherd German	5 years	Inoperable tumour on the spine
Ero	Shepherd	2 years	Inoperable twist of intestine

Question 4

Please provide the same for police horses.

Answer

There are no Police Horses in the PSNI.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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