



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-04378

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Police Animals

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of police dogs that were put down/destroyed.

Question 2

The reason why each police dog was put down/destroyed.

Answers

Please see table below which incorporates the information you requested in Question 1 and Question 2 regarding the number of dogs put down/destroyed by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) covering the years 2008 – 2013 and the reason this occurred.

Year	Type of Breed	Put down/Destroyed	Number
2008		None	0
2009	German Shepherd	Medical	1
2010	Malinois	Aggression problems	1
2011			0
2012			0
2013	German Shepherd	Medical	3
	German Shepherd/Malinois Cross	Medical	
	German Shepherd	Unpredictable Aggression	

Question 3

The number of police horses put down/destroyed.

Answer

The PSNI does not have any horses.

Question 4

The reason why each police horse was put down/destroyed.

Answer

The answer to question 3 refers.

Question 5

Any other police animals put down/ destroyed.

Answer

The PSNI does not have any other animals.

Question 6

Reason why each of these other police animals were put down/destroyed.

Answer

The answer to question 5 refers.

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