



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03495

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Sightings of Big Cats

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please specify all incidents reported to the police where 'big cats' had been sighted in Northern Ireland in the last five years including reports so far in 2014.

Question 2

Please specify the date, type of animal and area/DCU where the animal was sighted.

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the response is as follows.

Please see the table below detailing sightings of 'big cats' from 2009 – 2014.

DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
26/02/2009	BALLYMONEY	LARGE CAT PUMA
22/04/2009	STRABANE	FAWN COLOURED LARGE CAT
10/06/2009	BALLYNAHINCH	LARGE BLACK CAT
06/10/2009	BALLYMONEY	LION
09/03/2010	FERMANAGH	LARGE BLACK CAT SIZE OF DOG
17/07/2010	BANBRIDGE	LARGE CAT SIZE OF DOG
01/09/2010	NEWTOWNARDS	LARGE BLACK PUMA TYPE CAT
02/04/2011	BANGOR	LARGE COUGAR TYPE CAT
19/07/2011	LISBURN	LARGE CAT BLACK SIZE OF DOG
01/04/2012	DUNGANNON	LARGE BLACK CAT
04/05/2013	BANGOR	LARGE BLACK CAT
26/06/2013	BALLYMENA	BLACK PANTHER CAT
29/06/2013	LIMAVADY	LARGE BLACK CAT BUSHY TAIL LIKE PUMA
13/07/2013	PORTRUSH	VERY LARGE CAT
02/09/2013	DROMORE	BLACK CAT SIZE OF SMALL COLLIE DOG
03/09/2013	CASTLEWELLAN	LARGE BLACK CAT
08/09/2013	FINTONA	BLACK PANTHER CAT

30/09/2013	RATHFRILAND	BIG DARK CAT WITH LONG TAIL
06/10/2013	DROMARA	LARGE BLACK CAT
01/11/2013	GLENAVY	LARGE BLACK CAT SIZE OF LABRADOR
21/03/2014	DROMORE	BIG BLACK CAT
07/02/2014	LURGAN	BIG BLACK CAT
12/03/2014	BELFAST	BIG BLACK WILD PANTHER

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.