



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02491

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Animals Euthanized By Vets From 2016

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

### Request

Please could you provide me with the data for how many animals have been euthanized by your force since 2016; please could you also specify the type of animal and the reason?

### Answer

Please note that **most** of the euthanasia cases are mainly carried out at the direction of a court order by a vet who comes to PSNI's service provider.

Please find below the figures from 2016 – and up to and including October 2018, which have been provided by the PSNI Wildlife Office.

A total of 26 horses were put to sleep due to no owners coming forward, not sold at auction and unable to be rehomed.

A total of 1 horse at scene due to an injury.

A total of 1 dog as it attacked a child.

A total of 2 deer were put to sleep by PSNI Armed Response Unit as they were a danger to the public due to being on a public road.

It should be noted that as these figures are manually input onto the system, it should allow for any human error and therefore maybe subject to change.

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