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During the period 1 January 2015 to 18 November 2020 there were 10 incidents recorded involving an officer discharging a firearm in order to humanely destroy an animal, as detailed in the table below:

Year	Police District of Incident	Number of rounds discharged	Type of firearm(s) discharged	Reason for use of firearm
2015	Newry & Mourne	1 round	Glock 17	Animal destroyed
2015	North Belfast	2 rounds	Remington Shotgun	Animal destroyed
2015	Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon	18 rounds	Heckler & Koch rifle	Animals destroyed
2015	Antrim & Newtownabbey	5 rounds	Heckler & Koch rifle	Animal destroyed
2016	Newry Mourne and Down	6 rounds	Glock 17 and Heckler & Koch rifle	Animal destroyed
2016	Causeway Coast & Glens	2 rounds	Sniper Rifle	Animal destroyed
2016	Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon	2 rounds	Remington Shotgun	Animal destroyed
2016	Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon	3 rounds	Remington Shotgun	Animal destroyed
2018	Belfast	3 rounds	Heckler & Koch rifle	Animal destroyed
2019	Fermanagh & Omagh	4 rounds	Remington Shotgun & Sniper Rifle	Animal destroyed

During the same period there were an additional 3 incidents in which a police firearm was discharged, as detailed in the table below:

Year	Police District of Incident	Number of rounds discharged	Type of firearm(s) discharged	Reason for use of firearm	Injuries sustained as a result
2015	Antrim	2	Glock 17	Armed assailant	None
2016	Fermanagh and Omagh	2	Glock 17	Armed assailant	None
2017	Mid and East Antrim	1	Heckler & Koch rifle	Armed assailants	None

Figures exclude the discharge of Attenuating Energy Projectiles (AEPs).

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch