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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190667

REQUEST

Please can I have the following information under an FOI request?

- 1) The number of stolen pets (dogs, cats, horses, other small animals) OR crimes involving stolen pets in 2018 (1 January - 31 December).***
- 2) If recorded, the species and breed of animals stolen in 2018 (1 Jan - 31 Dec).***
- 3) Please provide locations (where known) involving theft of the animal eg house/street/garden in 2018 (1 Jan - 31 Dec)***

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

Please see the attached data and the below explanation.

I have used Incident created date between 01-JAN-2018 to 31-DEC-2018

Property class as stolen, stolen/recovered

Property class as Animal, Pet Animal

Location based on MO Desc 1, 2 and 3 with reference to premises type.

Species and breed are not available in CONNECT data

Included is a breakdown of the Property Class 3 by quantity. The Quantity field is not a mandated requirement within CONNECT, therefore some quantities are recorded as 0 and the total will not be accurate.

Previous data for this request cannot be used as comparison due to the change in crime recording system.