

5 September 2018

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20181441**

**REQUEST**

Please provide, from the whole force area, figures and details for the number of offences of animal cruelty - i.e. animals being abused or killed - with a break-down of each year, month and where.

Please provide for each offence:  
details of the type of animal involved  
summary of the MO test  
location  
the number of arrests  
Police outcomes

In the first instance I would like the data from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2008 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018  
But if 10 years is not possible in the time frame, please may I have the past 5 years – so 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The CMS system and 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 two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards) and advised the following statement in response:

*I have searched both CMS(ii) and CONNECT for the crime recordable offences of the ones listed by the requester, and of those which are recordable as specified by the Home office, we have a nil return for both systems for the period 01-JAN-2008 to 20-AUG-2018. Any offences that are non crime recordable will not be recorded on our crime management systems.*

Our formal response to your request is therefore one of 'no information held'.