



Via email



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Date: 20/01/2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/088

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/01/2023 concerning cat thefts.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence team at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

As I'm sure you are aware, following the Pet Theft Taskforce Report in September 2021, the Government has challenged police forces throughout the United Kingdom to accurately record and provide data on incidents of pet theft. In order to build a picture of what is happening as regards cat theft across the UK, for the past eight years I have been collating data from each police force which has been used to help inform the Pet Theft Taskforce's investigations. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete my freedom of information request below:

1. What were the total number of cat theft crimes in 2022?
2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft crime in 2022?
3. Please list specific cat breed types with amounts (stolen in 2022)—or 'breed unrecorded' or 'mixed breed'?

As per our correspondence last year with Kerry Merritt, I can confirm that I am happy to have the data supplied on a 'wildcard' search basis, using the search criteria of 'cat' and 'cat', (I'm unsure whether this was meant to say 'cat and 'cats' but this was how it was written). It was explained that this was used in searches made in previous years.



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Response

A 'wild card' search of using the criteria of 'cat' and 'cats' has been carried out. There were no results returned from these searches.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should

contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>