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POLICE

Response Date:21/10/2026

**2026/1013 - Taser/CED used to neutralise animals (i.e. non-human animals)**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**Please provide the following for each calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025:**

**1. The number of incidents in which an officer discharged a Taser/CED at an animal.**

**2. For each incident, where electronically recorded, please provide:**
**- the type/species of animal involved;**
**- for dogs, the breed/type if recorded;**
**- whether the animal was injured or killed;**
**- any brief incident description or summary held electronically, for example whether the animal was attacking a person, another animal, a police officer, or was loose in a road/public place.**

**By "discharged", I mean fired at or directly applied to the animal, rather than merely drawn, aimed or red-dotted.**

**If providing any of the incident-level details above would require manual review and engage Section 12, please omit those elements and provide the annual totals and any other information that can be retrieved electronically within the cost limit.**

**If your system only records a broader category such as "animal", please provide the information in the form in which it is held.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 15/10/2026