



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:21/05/2026

2026/492 - Big cat sightings 2022 to 2025

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

In relation to the time period from 28 June 2022 to 31 December 2025 inclusive:

1 – On how many occasions were the police informed there had been a sighting of a 'big cat'? i.e. a wild cat which was significantly larger than a domestic cat and was thought could have been a puma, leopard, lynx or other large member of the cat species.

2 – Please provide both a summary of the report(s) received and the associated police action summary for all such sightings.

For consistency, please search using the following keywords as used in your previous responses: big cat, large cat, cheetah, panther, wild cat, leopard, lynx, lion, tiger and puma, filtering for relevant incidents.

North Wales Police have previously disclosed this information under requests 2021/806 (1 Jan–31 Aug 2021) and 2022/555 (1 Sep 2021–27 Jun 2022). This request is for the same data for the above calendar period, and I am happy to receive it in the same format as those responses.

Start Date	Initial Sub Type	Comment
Feb-23	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	Lambs have been killed doubt very much it will be a big cat that has killed it as prey would be taken may be a Puma or Lynx that was in Denbigh
Sep-22	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	HARM: caller says shes seen what looks to be a black panther. PANTHER LOOKING ANIMAL WALKING ACCROSS THE GOLF COURSE HEADIG TOWARDS THE GOLF
Jul-24	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	large wild cat as there is territorial scat markings near
Oct-24	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	convinced the animal was far too large for a house cat

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 19/05/2026

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