



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000180-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

"I am trying to obtain information about cases your force has dealt with involving offences under the Hunting Act 2004, covering the period from February 2005 (when the Act came into force) through to December 2016."

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 10 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded under the Hunting Act 2004.

The information provided in the table below confirms the offences recorded and includes the date and police outcome.

Date	Offence class description	Police outcome
12/03/2005	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
28/12/2005	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
22/02/2006	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
21/11/2006	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, Not guilty
23/11/2006	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
29/11/2006	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Other reason reasonable enquiries determine no crime committed.
05/01/2007	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, guilty, Fined £1,000, Disqualified from driving for 28 days and pay costs of £182



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12/12/2007	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
12/02/2008	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
20/05/2008	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Other reason no offence committed
20/05/2008	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
21/05/2008	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
21/05/2008	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No criminal intent
06/12/2009	Buying and selling wild game (unlicensed)	No further action, lack of evidence
10/12/2010	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, guilty, Fined £1000, victim surcharge £15, Costs £85, disqualified from driving for 56 days.
12/12/2011	Participate in hare coursing event	No further action, victim would not make a statement/complaint. No evidence of offence
08/01/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, guilty, fined £350, victim surcharge £15, costs £85
15/09/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	NFA, insufficient evidence to successfully prosecute
12/10/2012	Participate in hare coursing event	NFA, insufficient evidence to successfully prosecute
23/10/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, guilty, fined £150, victim surcharge £20, costs £300.
18/11/2012	Participate in hare coursing event	NFA, insufficient evidence and witness will not make statement



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30/11/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	NFA, insufficient evidence to successfully prosecute
30/11/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, guilty, fine £500, victim surcharge £50, costs £85, disqualified from driving for 3 years,
05/12/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	No evidence of an offence
15/12/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	NFA, insufficient evidence
22/12/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	NFA, insufficient evidence
30/12/2012	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, guilty, fine £750, victim surcharge £75, costs £85
13/01/2013	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Linked to crime number 23
13/01/2013	Participate in hare coursing event	NFA, no suspects identified.
16/01/2013	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Reprimand
16/02/2013	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	NFA, no suspects identified.
31/08/2015	Participate in hare coursing event	Charged, went to court, carried forward to subsequent date
08/09/2015	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	Charged, went to court, carried forward to subsequent date
06/10/2015	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	NFA, no suspects identified.
15/10/2015	Hunt a wild mammal with dog	NFA, insufficient evidence



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20/01/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Participating in a hare coursing event	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
21/10/2015	Hunting Act 2004 - Controlling or handling a dog at a hare coursing event	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
03/11/2015	Hunting Act 2004 - Hunting a wild mammal with a dog	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
20/01/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Participating in a hare coursing event	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
24/01/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Participating in a hare coursing event	Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition
27/11/2015	Hunting Act 2004 - Hunting a wild mammal with a dog	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
10/03/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Hunting a wild mammal with a dog	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
13/03/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Hunting a wild mammal with a dog	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
31/03/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Participating in a hare coursing event	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
13/06/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Participating in a hare coursing event	Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender
22/10/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Participating in a hare coursing event	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
21/11/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Controlling or handling a dog at a hare coursing event	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
28/12/2016	Hunting Act 2004 - Hunting a wild mammal with a dog	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime



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data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.