



7<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000438/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

The number of 'big cat' sightings reported to Norfolk / Suffolk Constabulary in each calendar year from 2016 to 2018.

If possible, I'd be grateful if you could also provide any available details of these sightings, such as date, location and any comments recorded in the incident log.

To assist with any keyword searches you might need to carry out, please include references to "Big Cat", "Panther", "Beast", "Black Cat", "Large Cat", "Wild Cat" or "Cheetah".

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

### NORFOLK

Date	Location	Description
17/04/2016	Cromer	Male reporting a very large cat in their garden
30/05/2016	Wells-Next-The-Sea	Informant believes that they saw a large cat
04/06/2016	Norwich	Black panther seen in the bushes.
11/06/2016	King's Lynn	Informants daughter saw a black panther
23/06/2016	King's Lynn	Large animal seen in the woods, looked like a black panther
07/10/2016	Great Yarmouth	Sighting of a black puma
07/11/2016	Norwich	Big cat sighting - informant believes it is a panther
01/01/2017	Norwich	Big cat sighting (Tiger and Cubs)
28/05/2017	A140	Informant saw a black panther
20/08/2017	Great Yarmouth	Sightings of a large black cat
30/10/2017	A149	Sighting of a large black cat up a tree
10/01/2018	Great Yarmouth	Possible big cat sighting
30/01/2018	Downham Market	Informant saw what she thought was a black panther
09/04/2018	Diss	Sighting of a puma and foot prints

14/05/2018	North Walsham	Informant believes they saw a black puma
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## SUFFOLK

Date	Location	Description
07/04/2016	Woodbridge	Informant saw a black panther
08/06/2016	Bury St Edmunds	Informant is convinced they saw a black panther
15/10/2016	B1066	Big cat sighting in a field
27/10/2016	Eye	Sighting of a wild cat which looked like a jaguar
29/08/2017	Bury St Edmunds	Sighting of a panther sized animal
06/10/2017	Colchester	Sighting of a sandy coloured mountain lion
22/10/2017	B1113	Sighting of a puma or a panther in the bushes
19/01/2018	Diss	Informant reporting sighting of a large cat attacking two muntjacs
27/06/2018	Lowestoft	Informant reports being attacked by a wild cat
20/08/2018	A1088	Sighting of a large cat, believed a panther
22/08/2018	Ipswich	Informant reporting seeing a large lynx in the garden
28/10/2018	A1120	Large black panther seen crossing the road
29/10/2018	A1017	Sighting of a large black panther

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the  
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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