



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001350-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 8 April 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Can I please request, in the form of a spreadsheet such as Excel or CSV file, an itemised list of all "big cat" sightings reported from 1 January 2014 to the present day.

A "big cat" is a large cat not native to the UK, often described as a "leopard", "puma" or "panther".

To include, for each sighting:

Location of sighting (inc. coordinates if held) Date / time of sighting Description of the sighting Action Taken”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24 April 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's call data for all incidents recorded that contain the keywords Big cat; Puma; Panther; Lion; Cheetah; Jaguar; Leopard; and where the disposal code of the incident is 'Public Safety – Animal Welfare'. Each was then manually reviewed to extract those that referred specifically to the reported sighting of a big cat.

Please note that the data provided will only include calls that contain these specific words, any relevant calls received that do not contain these words will not be picked up in the search.

The data does not include the coordinates from which the cat was sighted as the data held relates to the eastings and northings of the complainants location, which is generally their home address as opposed to the locus at which the cat was sighted.

The data provided on the attached spreadsheet confirms the date and time of the call, the town from where the report was reported, the description and outcome.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances 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 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 or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700