



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 11/02/2026

2026/114 - Animal Cruelty

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025:

The total number of reports received by your force relating to animal cruelty.

The total number of animal cruelty cases investigated by your force.

If possible, please provide the figures broken down by calendar year.

Calendar Year	HO Description	Count All Occurrences	Count Crimes Occurrences
2021	Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal Animal Welfare Act 2006 recordable	3	2
	Cruelty to animals act of cause permit	6	2
	Damage destroy Schedule 5 wild animal shelter recordable	1	0
	Disturb sheltering Schedule 5 wild animal recordable	2	0
	Interfering with badger setts recordable	7	2
	Possess live dead Schedule 5 wild animal or its parts recordable	1	0
	Wilfully kill a badger recordable	3	0
2021		23	6

Calendar Year	HO Description	Count All Occurrences	Count Crimes Occurrences
2022	Breach a disqualification imposed after conviction Animal Welfare Act 2006 recordable	4	2
	Cruelty to animals act of cause permit	13	0
	Digging for badgers recordable	1	0
	Disturb sheltering Schedule 5 wild animal recordable	1	1

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	Duty of person responsible for animal to ensure welfare Animal Welfare Act 2006 recordable	1	0
	Interfering with badger setts recordable	3	0
2022		23	3

Calendar Year	HO Description	Count All Occurrences	Count Crimes Occurrences
2023	Cruelty to animals act of cause permit	3	0
	Digging for badgers recordable	1	1
	Interfering with badger setts recordable	4	2
2023		8	3

Calendar Year	HO Description	Count All Occurrences	Count Crimes Occurrences
2024	Breach a disqualification imposed after conviction Animal Welfare Act 2006 recordable	1	0
	Cruelty to animals act of cause permit	4	0
	Damage destroy Schedule 5 wild animal shelter recordable	1	0
	Digging for badgers recordable	2	0
	Inflicting unnecessary suffering to a wild mammal recordable	2	0
	Interfering with badger setts recordable	2	1
	Wilfully kill a badger recordable	1	1
2024		13	2

Calendar Year	HO Description	Count All Occurrences	Count Crimes Occurrences
2025	Cruelty to animals act of cause permit	6	3
	Disturb sheltering Schedule 5 wild animal recordable	1	1
	Duty of person responsible for animal to ensure welfare Animal Welfare Act 2006 recordable	1	1
	Inflicting unnecessary suffering to a wild mammal recordable	1	1
2025		9	6

Of those investigations, the number of cases where your force worked jointly with the RSPCA or other animal welfare organisations.

The crime occurrences have been manual checked to ascertain if there is any reference to other organisations in the occurrence enquiry log.

RSPCA	3
Natural Resources Wales	5

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 09/02/2026