



Response Date:10/03/2026

2026/251 - Livestock Worrying

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am requesting the following information relating to reports your force has received about dogs attacking or chasing livestock since 1 January 2021 - December 2025:

The number of reports your force has received where a dog was reported to have attacked or chased livestock (please include a yearly breakdown: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).

Please see attached previous response 121/26

The number of fines and fixed penalty notices issued as a result of these reports, broken down by year.

The number of dogs seized under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 (Section 2), broken down by year.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

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Response Date:11/02/2026

2026/112 - Livestock worrying

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the purposes of clarity, "livestock worrying" should be interpreted as incidents involving dogs chasing, attacking, injuring, or killing livestock, as recorded by your force.

Question 1

From 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2010, please provide the number of recorded incidents or reports of livestock worrying within your force area.

Question 2

From 1 January 2010 to the present date, please provide the number of recorded incidents or reports of livestock worrying within your force area.

Our system was introduced during 2005 and therefore the first full year is 2006.

Offences searched;

HO Code	HO Description
108/21	Cause unnecessary pain / distress to livestock
111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock
111/05	Person in charge of a dog worrying livestock

Calendar Year	All Occurrences
2006	1
2007	2
2008	4
2009	5
2010	11
2011	16
2012	21
2013	12

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2014	27
2015	45
2016	42
2017	82
2018	110
2019	94
2020	73
2021	77
2022	100
2023	84
2024	104
2025	90
2026	6

Question 3

**From 1 January 2010 to the present date, please provide the number of recorded incidents in which a dog was shot, euthanised, or otherwise dispatched by police officers at the scene, where this was recorded as being in connection with:
livestock worrying, and/or
dogs being dangerously out of control.**

We have searched on the summary of each occurrence for 'shot', these have then been read to ensure relevance to you request. No dogs were shot or authorised to be shot by officers. These relate to the victim shooting the dog.

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Number of Occurrences
2011	111/05	Person in charge of a dog worrying livestock	1
2012	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2012	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2012	111/05	Person in charge of a dog worrying livestock	1
2012	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2014	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2015	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2016	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2017	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	5
2017	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2018	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying	3

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2019	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	3
2020	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	2
2022	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2023	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1
2025	111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	1

Question 4

From 1 January 2010 to the present date, please provide the number of recorded incidents or reports in which the use of an electronic training device (including electronic collars) on a dog, was reported to the police as being used in an abusive, inappropriate, or welfare-related context, as recorded by your force.

We have conducted a keyword search of all occurrences for "dog" and "electric/electronic" or "training device" or "collar" in the occurrence summary. None were relevant to your request.

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