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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2026/703 - animal-related crimes

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;

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

- 1. The count of offences of "animal-related" crime you recorded on your system in 2025/26. Please see below for our exact definition of "animal-related" crime.**
- 2. Total count of offences of "animal-related" crime you recorded on your system in 2025/26, by offence code.**
- 3. Total count of offences of "animal-related" crime you recorded in 2025/26, by outcome.**

Fiscal Year Name Range	Occ Count
FY 2025/26	667

HO Code	HO Description	Occ Count
008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	539
088/03	Intercourse with an animal by a male	1
097/01A	Responsible person fail to prevent the causing of unnecessary suffering to an animal Contrary to sections 4(2) and 32(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.	1
097/01B	Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal Contrary to sections 4(1) and 32(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.	10
098/92	Fishing with or possessing for fishing, prohibited instruments. (Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 Sec 1)	1
108/25	Inflicting unnecessary suffering to a wild mammal recordable	1
111/05	Owner of a dog worrying livestock	53

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111/05	Person in charge of a dog worrying livestock	10
111/17	Possess have custody of a fighting dog recordable	6
111/18	Owner person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control no injury recordable	46
118/01	Trespass on land at night and take destroy game recordable	1
121/13	Hunting a wild mammal with dogs Hunting Act 2004	3

Outcome	Occ Count
01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	31
03A. Alternate Offence Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	2
03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	8
08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	87
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	3
14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	23
15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	3
15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	145
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	86
17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	1
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	137
20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	11
21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	10
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken and there is no public interest to continue	3
Outcome Not Yet Assigned	242

4. Total number of incidents recorded as "Animals/wildlife" in 2025/26.

Incident Fiscal Year	Event Latest Description	Event Count
2025	ANIMAL/WILDLIFE	937

5. The total number of calls with a call type 'animal', 'wildlife' or 'animal/wildlife' within STORM (if STORM is used) in 2025/26.

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.

6. Any known reason for why recorded reports might be lower than true volume of incidents.

No information held.

Please provide this data for the 2025/26 financial year (date range 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026).

For the purposes of this request, we define "animal-related crime" as any incident which is logged against any of the following pieces of legislation:

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963; Animal Health Act 1981; Animal Welfare Act 2006; Dangerous Dogs Act 1991; Deer Act 1991 Sec 1, 2, 3; Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953; Game Act 1831 Sec 30; Hunting Act 2004 Sec 1, 3(1), 5; Night Poaching Act 1828 Sec 1; Pet Abduction Act 2024 Sec 1 and 2; Poaching Prevention Act 1862 Sec 2; Protection of Badgers Act 1992; Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975; Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota Measures) Order 1988; Sea Fishing (Prohibition on Removal of Shark Fins) Order 2007 Sec 4,5,12; Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 69(1)(3) and Sec 69(2)(3); The Control of Dogs Order 1992; Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966; Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations 2007; Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996; Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 20/07/2026