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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20161234

REQUEST

Please can you provide data held on the following:

The number of stolen pets OR crimes reported involving stolen pets in 2015 (1 January – 31 December) and in 2016 from 1 January to 30 September, specifically:

Cats

Dogs

Horses

Other small pets eg hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs etc

If recorded, the breed of dog stolen and numbers for each breed for 2015 (1 January – 31 December) and in 2016 from 1 January to 30 September.

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: Please provide locations involving the theft of a dog. Eg house/garden/shed/street etc. For the years 2015 and 2016 up until 30 September.

RESPONSE

I contacted our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your request. She carried out a search of the system, provided me with the enclosed data and the following explanation of her search criteria:

The attached data has been obtained using an enquiry against CMS to retrieve stolen pets using property class codes for Dogs, Cats, Livestock Pets and Horses and Stolen = Y.

Data retrieved using date committed in 2015 and between 01/01/2016 and 30/09/2016.

As the breed/type of animal is not mandatory, the Administrator also provided information – where recorded – from the FreeText field, which I have included. Please note there were 157 unique crime reference numbers (98 = 2015 & 59 =2016) – the number of animals stolen will exceed the number of crimes, as more than 1 type of animal may be taken as part of the same offence.