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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180843

REQUEST

- 1) The number of stolen pets (dogs, cats, horses, other small animals) OR crimes involving stolen pets in 2017 (1 January - 31 December).
- 2) If recorded, the species and breed of animals stolen in 2017 (1 Jan - 31 Dec).
- 3) Please provide locations (where known) involving theft of the animal eg house/street/garden in 2017 (1 Jan - 31 Dec)

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards) and provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

CMS (II) DATA

I have included a count of the property sub class DOGS, CATS, HORSE,PONY,DONKEY ETC & LIVESTOCKS PETS which have been recorded as stolen on the CMS(ii) crime register where the recorded date is between 01-Jan-2017 and 04-Dec-2017.

Please note – we expect a count of stolen property to exceed a count of offences as more than one item of property can be recorded on any offence.

CONNECT DATA

I have included a count of offences where PROPERTY CLASS 2 – PET ANIMAL which have been recorded as stolen on CONNECT where the recorded date is between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2017.

I have included the MO Desc 1 – location if recorded, however only 3 offences were recorded with this.

Question 2

The recording of the species or breed is not a mandatory requirement. However, further details are often completed in the 'PROPERTY FREE TEXT' field. As such I have manually reviewed this field on all records and extracted where given further details which indicate the animal and/or the recorded species / breed where recorded.

