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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20180188

REQUEST

From January 1 2017 to December 31 2017, how many incidents were reported and/or numbers of sheep were involved in the following:

***Dogs chasing/worrying sheep
Dogs attacking/injuring sheep
Dogs killing sheep***

RESPONSE

The administrator for South Yorkshire Police's Incident Management System was approached for assistance with your request.

This system records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. Each record is a log of events as the incident progresses or unfolds, with very few search fields to extract any meaningful data.

As there is no generic incident title that meets the criteria of your request, our administrator has searched for incidents for keywords such as 'sheep' which are mentioned within the free text boxes of the incident log.

The administrator provided 8 incident records that included the keywords and I have checked each one, to ascertain which ones are pertinent to your request, and I have provided the details below.

Number of incidents	Number of Sheep involved	Details
1	Not given	Dog roaming free and worrying sheep
2	Not given	Dog attacking sheep
3	2	Dog injured sheep
4	Not given	Dog worrying sheep

As incidents read like a running commentary, they do not always give the full picture or specific numbers of animals or people involved. Any details above are from the limited details given and may not always describe the fuller picture.