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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20193665

REQUEST

1. i. What were the total number of cat theft crimes in 2019?

1.ii. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft crime in 2019?

1. iii. Please list specific cat breed types with amounts (stolen in 2019) - or 'breed Unrecorded' or 'mixed breed'?

RESPONSE

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

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

They provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of the search criteria:

I have supplied data relating the above:

- *Where the Property Class 3 is "CAT"*
- *Where the Property Status was "Stolen" or "Stolen/Recovered".*
- *Where the offence recorded date was between 01-JAN-19 to 31-DEC-19 inclusive.*
- *Outcomes are based on the overall offence outcome and not the outcome of individual offender(s).*
- *A separate document containing offence-level data has been included to allow a manual lookup for Question 3.*

I have manually checked the 17 Offences to answer Q3.

Breed is not recorded on any the records

One record gives a count of 5 cats being stolen, all the others relate to a single cat being stolen.