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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0534

On 04/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

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

1. The total recorded costs incurred by the force in responding to and investigating animal-related crimes, including:
 - the cost of officer time spent responding to incidents and carrying out investigations
 - costs associated with gathering evidence (e.g. statements, site visits, seizure support)
 - use of specialist units (e.g. rural crime or wildlife crime officers/teams)
 - custody-related costs where suspects are detained
2. The total recorded volume of police activity relating to animal-related crimes, such as:
 - number of incidents
 - recorded offences
 - use of specialist wildlife or rural crime officers
3. Total costs recovered, or liable to be recovered, for recorded animal-related crimes, including:
 - whether any of these costs are recoverable from offenders (e.g. through court orders)

- any income received related to enforcement activity (if applicable)
- any information on the proportion of liable costs that is not recovered

If exact financial data is not held, I would be grateful for any proxy measures (e.g. officer time, incident counts) or relevant internal documents that provide insight into the resource impact.

Please provide the above information for the following financial years: 2023/24 (01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024), 2024/25 (01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025), 2025/26 (01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026).

If you cannot provide the information requested above in financial years, please provide it in calendar years (2023, 2024, 2025) or however your data is stored. If you do not have this data for all the years requested, please provide the data for the years you have. If the requested years are missing altogether, please provide data for the latest available time period.

We appreciate that your organisation may not record all of the above information, and we would be grateful for whatever data you are able to provide.

If you are not able to provide all the information requested within the cost limit, please provide any part of this information you can. If any part of this request cannot be answered because the information is not held in recorded form, please state this clearly.

If complying with any element of this request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please provide:

- * The reason why, and
- * Advice on how the request could be refined to fall within the limit.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Following receipt of your e-mail, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording database for the animal-related offences you kindly listed in your clarification e-mail, for the date range 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2026. The information retrieved is presented below.

Offence	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering of protected animal	135	103	94	16	348
Intercourse with an animal by a female	1	0	0	0	1
Intercourse with an animal by a male	0	1	1	0	2
Other indictable offences not classified	0	8	5	2	15
Possess an extreme pornographic image - act with animal	5	14	13	2	34
Total	141	126	113	20	400

Unfortunately, we cannot retrieve the information you requested for parts 1 and 3 of your request via any electronic searches as the information is not recorded in a way which is retrievable. This means that no information is held by Gloucestershire Constabulary. Officers do not log start and finish times per incident, nor do they log the specific time they have spent on gathering statements, site visits or seizures. You may wish to contact the court's information governance team for any costs they may recover as this information is not held by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post – Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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