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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0917

On 30/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following for each calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025:

1. The number of incidents in which an officer discharged a Taser/CED at an animal.
2. For each incident, where electronically recorded, please provide:
 - the type/species of animal involved;
 - for dogs, the breed/type if recorded;
 - whether the animal was injured or killed;
 - any brief incident description or summary held electronically, for example whether the animal was attacking a person, another animal, a police officer, or was loose in a road/public place.

By “discharged”, I mean fired at or directly applied to the animal, rather than merely drawn, aimed or red-dotted.

If providing any of the incident-level details above would require manual review and engage Section 12, please omit those elements and provide the annual totals and any other information that can be retrieved electronically within the cost limit.

If your system only records a broader category such as “animal”, please provide the information in the form in which it is held.

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

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly, whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Please see the response to your request below:

Year	Number of CED discharges at an animal	Type of animal	Type of dog if applicable	Whether animal injured or killed	Brief Incident details
2022	1 (CED arced only, not applied against animal)	Dog	Unknown	No injuries	Dog aggressive towards officers
2023	1 (Device fired)	Sheep	N/A	Dispatched by firearm	Loose animal on live Motorway
2024	1 (Device fired)	Dog	Unknown	Sedation dart utilised	Loose animal on live Motorway
2024	1 (Device fired)	Dog	Unknown	No injuries	Aggressive Dog in public place
2025	1 (Device fired)	Dog	Unknown	Dispatched by firearm	Aggressive dog in public place
2025	1 (Device fired)	Dog	Unknown	No injuries	Dog aggressive towards attending officers

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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