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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002950/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 4th August 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

Please could you inform me of the following.

How many sightings of big cats have been reported to your force during the previous six calendar years.

These years are:

- 2010
- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

The Joint Performance and Analysis Department has undertaken research of incidents reported to the Constabulary using the following keywords:-

- Big cat
- Leopard
- Lynx
- Lion
- Tiger
- Panther
- Jaguar
- Cougar
- Puma

Incidents that are not relevant to your request have been removed, for example those referring to a Jaguar type car, etc.

Date	Location	Details
15/03/2010	Norwich	Dog attacked by large black cat like animal
15/05/2010	Bradwell	Very large striped cat sitting in road, looks like a tiger (Toy)
05/07/2010	Downham Market	Report of possible attack by a 'big cat'. Labrador sized, black, made wheezing/growling sound.
23/07/2010	Coltishall	Reports a very large cat – 3' tall, 3-4' tail, black, carrying a hare in its mouth. May be a puma
24/07/2010	Coltishall	Saw a black puma, watched it for 30 mins
25/07/2010	Hopton	Saw a cat bigger than a dog with really long tail, feel it was a panther, black.
11/10/2010	North Burlingham	Big cat sighting: 3' to shoulder, black/dark brown colour, cat like appearance and movement
30/10/2010	Hingham	Reports there is a lion in the house (caller suffers mental health problems)
03/11/2010/	Kings Lynn	Caller reports a tiger sitting on the lawn (ornamental)
30/12/2010	North Walsham	Wishes to report seeing a large cat possibly a dark coloured puma
03/01/2011	Kings Lynn	Caller reports tiger sitting on his bannister, attacking him (caller extremely intoxicated)
03/01/2011	Kings Lynn	Reports tiger in hallway (caller extremely intoxicated)
03/01/2011	Kings Lynn	Caller says police have shot a tiger in the house (linked to above 2 incident reports)
05/02/2011	Norwich	Caller reports they think a tiger is laying on the road (Toy)
03/03/2011	Wells	Reports seeing a Puma
08/04/2011	Wymondham	Extremely large cat seen in woods
25/05/2011	Costessey	Report of black cat, size of an Alsatian, short haired on a field. Moved like a feline animal
24/06/2011	North Walsham	Large animal run in front of vehicle – black, too big to be a cat or dog
28/07/2011	Briston	Large black cat seen on video footage from camera at back of house. Smaller than a tiger but larger than a dog
14/02/2012	Ingoldisthorpe	Caller saw a black panther at the Dersingham end of the allotments
21/02/2012	Kings Lynn	Caller saw a large cat looking animal the size of a Labrador
26/04/2012	Burnham Market	Caller believes that they saw a black panther
15/05/2012	Great Melton	Large cat – the size of a Labrador. Sandy coloured with markings like a cheetah/leopard
26/05/2012	Freethorpe	Caller reports seeing a large black cat the size of an Alsatian. They say that it wasn't a dog as it looked panther like
23/08/2012	Wisbech	Caller reports seeing a black panther in the field at the back of the property
14/10/2012	Fincham	Cougar size animal seen in long grass
30/11/2012	Acle	Informant's son saw a 'big cat' the size of a dog running towards him across the field
30/11/2012	Thetford	Large black cat seen on the road, bigger than an Alsatian dog, completely black in colour
15/12/2012	Great Yarmouth	Caller saw a large black cat like animal, more the size of a Labrador dog, panther sized
27/02/2013	Norwich	Very large black cat seen, possible a panther
01/03/2013	A47	Large blue or black cat seen to cross the carriageway

01/03/2013	Thorpe End	Large black cat seen, definitely a black panther
11/03/2013	Sheringham	Caller reports seeing a big cat, the size of a fox but definitely not a domesticated cat
11/04/2013	Chedgrave	Reports a black cat running across the road, a lot bigger than a deer, thinks it was a panther
24/04/2013	Dickleburgh	Large black cat seen, looked like a panther, animal bolted away
24/05/2013	Barford	Large cat sighting, dark coloured, long tail, not a deer or a normal cat, larger than a dog
19/06/2013	Kings Lynn	Caller states they saw a puma, very muscly, black and the size of a moped
21/06/2013	Walsingham	Puma like big cat on the road, larger than a muntjack
27/07/2013	Swaffham	Very big cat seen in the woods, described as a jet black leopard
15/08/2013	Wymondham	Caller thinks a leopard has just walked through her garage. It had traditional leopard markings
30/08/2013	Fundenhall	Multiple sightings of a large cat
02/09/2013	Great Yarmouth	Informant's children state they have seen a big sandy coloured cat in the park
26/09/2013	Walcott	Called to report a big cat sighting near the pub
05/10/2013	Norwich	Report of a big cat sighting, animal laying in long grass and then made off
17/11/2013	Watton	Big cat sighting, ran out in front of car, large and black
20/01/2014	Bodham	Large cat seen, puma type, about 4ft long
06/03/2014	Norwich	Caller claims he has a puma or panther in his garden
19/04/2014	Norwich	Caller thinks he saw a black puma run from his driver towards a field
20/05/2014	Potter Heigham	Reporting she has seen a panther come across road
05/08/2014	North Walsham	Out walking and saw a very large cat. It was about the size of a lynx or a small dog
20/10/2014	East Ruston	Caller reporting a sighting of what she believes was a large panther type animal
26/10/2014	Aldeby	Report of a big black animal (not a big cat). There is a report on the internet re panthers in Norfolk
15/06/2015	Norwich	Sighting of what is believed to be a lynx
02/07/2015	Walpole Highway	Caller says on first glance he thinks it was a panther
20/07/2015	Burnham Thorpe	Animal in a field, looked like a black panther
17/09/2015	Norwich	Caller has seen a tiger in street and in house (caller suffers from mental health problems)
09/11/2015	Smallburgh	Large cat in road, believes it might have been a panther