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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004549/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 17th December 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

How many crimes against animals have been committed in Norwich in the last year (2019)?

How many cats have been mutilated or killed in Norwich in the last year (2019)? Please provide five years of data for each question, broken down by year, type of crime, and the outcome of the investigations.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 9th January 2020.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below.

Q1 Most offences of this nature are non-notifiable and are therefore not recorded on the crime system. We have provided figures below for those crimes which are clearly against an offence against an animal.

It should therefore be noted that this is not a full and accurate reflection of offences against animals.

Offence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Animal Welfare Act 2006, Causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering	1	1	3	5	0	10
Protection of Animals Act 1911, Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	3	0	3

Crime Outcome	2015	2016	2017	2018
Animal Welfare Act 2006, Causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering	1	1	3	5
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	0	0	2	2
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	0	0	1	0
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	0	1	0	0
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	1	0	0	1
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	0	0	0	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	0	0	0	1

Protection of Animals Act 1911, Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	3
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	0	0	0	1
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	0	0	0	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	0	0	0	1

Q2 Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes of Criminal Damage which contain 'cat' within the MO. Please see below:-

Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Other Criminal Damage	10	5	6	9	30

No relevant crimes for 2015.

Crime Outcome	2016	2017	2018	2019
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	0	0	0	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	0	0	0	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	0	0	1	0
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	9	5	5	7
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	1	0	0	0
Total	10	5	6	9