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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000095/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please could you tell me how many reports of fox hunting (under the Hunting Act 2004) you have received in the past 5 years (since January 2012 to present)?

May I have the information broken down by date, location, the nature of the incident and the outcome of the incident (eg arrest, charge)?

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 (JPAD) has undertaken research of incident reports which have been created on receipt of a call made to the Contact and Control Room. They have specifically looked at reports which have a final code of 'wildlife' or 'animals/wildlife' where the text also includes either 'hunt' or 'fox'. Any reports this research has returned have been manually reviewed. Those referring to a drag hunt or a pre-planned legal hunt have been removed from the figures below.

Year	Number of Incident Reports
2012	5
2013	2
2014	6
2015	7
2016	9
Total	29

JPAD has also carried out research of the Constabulary's custody databases. They have looked at the 'first arrest offence' using a keyword search of 'fox' and 'hunt'. This has not returned any relevant records.

Please see below dates and locations. None of the incidents has resulted in a crime being recorded.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
14/01/2012	Pattesley, Fakenham
16/01/2012	Pattesley, Fakenham
17/12/2012	Westfield, Dereham
28/12/2012	Westfield, Dereham
28/12/2012	Westfield, Dereham
23/02/2013	North Elmham, Dereham
28/09/2013	Wreningham, Norwich
04/01/2014	Gressenhall, Dereham
29/09/2014	Swanton Morley, Dereham
02/10/2014	North Tuddenham, Dereham
27/10/2014	Castle Acre
25/11/2014	Bacton
03/12/2014	Bracon Ash
17/02/2015	North Tuddenham, Dereham
25/02/2015	Ditchingham, Bungay
08/09/2015	Badersfield, Norwich
10/10/2015	Scottow, Norwich
05/11/2015	Raveningham, Norwich
30/11/2015	Lenwade, Norwich
26/12/2015	East Raynham, Fakenham
12/03/2016	Carleton Rode, Norwich
08/10/2016	Winburgh, Dereham
25/10/2016	Gimmingham, Norwich
01/11/2016	North Wooton, King's Lynn
14/11/2016	Wimbotsham
19/11/2016	Blackborough End, King's Lynn
19/11/2016	Sustead, Norwich
22/11/2016	Erpingham
26/11/2016	Billingham