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Ref: FOI / 1122

03 April 2017

Mr  
Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Animal Welfare figures**

I refer to your FOI request as above and apologise again for the lateness of the response and thank you for your forbearance.

#### **Request:**

The amount of animals that have had to be seized/rescued, under the in Derry City over the past ten years or since Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011 was introduced?

#### **Response:**

37 animals since April 2012

#### **Request:**

Explanation of the Welfare of Animals Act, and what measures were in place to tackle animal cruelty before it.

#### **Response:**

Please see weblink as follows: [www.nidirect.gov.uk/animal-welfare](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/animal-welfare).

Prior to the introduction of the above legislation cases of animal cruelty were reported to the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

#### **Request:**

If possible I would like the figures broken down into each year and into categories of animal type, the costs that accumulated each year at the taxpayer's expense to pay for the care/treatment of animals that were abused/exposed to unnecessary harm,

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and whether you can confirm how much of this money was reclaimed as a result of successful prosecutions.

2013

Equine - 3

Dogs - 14

Costs - £28,991 (circa)

2014

Equine - 0

Dogs - 2

Costs - £3,930(circa)

2015

Equine - 4

Dogs - 7

Costs - £9,301 (circa)

2016

Equine - 2

Dogs - 1

Costs - £278.00 (circa)

2017

Equine - 1

Dogs - 3

Costs - £1,230(circa)

Reclaimed Costs: £3,685.36

Note: In Animal Welfare cases that no owner can be identified, no costs can be reclaimed.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes. Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

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Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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