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Paul McNamara  
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Open World News

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Dear Mr. McNamara,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your request for information dated 2 July 2013, which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on that date. I note you seek access to the following information: -

- 1 a) On how many occasions in 2013 (up until today's date 2 July 2013) was a Taser deployed against an animal. Please provide the species of animal as well as how the Taser was deployed (i.e. drive-stun mode, firings and incidents where the taser was drawn and aimed.)  
  
b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.

Please could you also provide:

- 2) The same for 2012
- 3) The same for 2011
- 4) The same for 2010

Your request for information has now been considered and I respond as follows:-

1. a) 1.  
b) Lurcher type dog running on M6 motorway causing traffic to swerve. Taser used when attempts to capture it or contain it had failed. Managed to get onto minor road where Taser fired and the dog captured. Examined by vet and found to be fit and well.
2. 2012 - NIL
3. 2011 - NIL
4. 2010 - NIL

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

**Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wickwar  
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