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Date 02 August 2013

Your ref **FOI**

Our ref RFI 2013-333

Reply contact name is **Force Disclosure Decision Maker**

Dear Paul,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02 July 2013, concerning the number of occasions a Taser was deployed against an animal in the years 2010 to 2013.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted with the Firearms Department of Wiltshire Police. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held, in part, by Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

You wrote:

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.
2. The same for 2012
3. The same for 2011
4. The same for 2010

Our Response:

Year	Total	Species	Deployed?	Summary
2013	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	1	Dog	Yes	The taser was arced into the air to warn off two Staffordshire Pit-bulls that were fighting.
2011	1	Dog	Yes	The dog was drive stunned whilst attacking an officer during an arrest.
2010	0	N/A	N/A	N/A



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I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me, and been considered in the light of your request, within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Manager
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Manager within 42 calendar days (6 weeks) of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by the Force Disclosure Manager, who is independent from the original decision maker. The Force Disclosure Manager will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Force Disclosure Manager will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Force Disclosure Manager will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk