



Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 117

Animal rescues

Query:

1. How many times have the service been called out to rescue stuck pets in the last three years?
2. How many times have the service been called out to rescue other animals, excluding pets, in the last three years?
3. What are the strangest/most exotic pets the fire service has rescued in the past three years? (please give ten examples)
4. How many hours of fire service time has been spent rescuing pets in the last three years?
5. How many hours of fire service time has been spent rescuing other animals, excluding pets, in the last three years?
6. How many hours has been spent by the fire service battling fires for the last three year?

Response:

Please note, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service combined to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2016 so this response covers both Dorset and Wiltshire.

Our Incident Recording System does not have a category for “pets”, instead we have used the “domestic” category which includes; cat, dog, rodent, horse, bird etc.

The table below answers your questions 1 – 2 and 4 – 5:

Year	Domestic	Hours	Other Animals	Hours
2015	76	85:03:22	78	92:58:41
2016	70	122:49:14	79	89:58:24
2017	78	89:34:29	79	91:08:11

We don't collect details of the exact animal so are unable to answer question 3.

The table below displays the total time spent at fire incidents in 2015, 2016 and 2017:

Fires	Hours
2015	2758:31:06
2016	2732:48:55
2017	2770:42:47