



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 80

Animal Rescue Incidents

Query:

The purpose of this request is to gather data on animal rescue incidents attended by the Service, specifically, where the incident involved a vehicle (for example, rescuing animals locked in cars).

I am seeking anonymised data on the following from January 2020 to December 2025 (inclusive).

For each relevant incident, please provide the following information:

1. The date and time the incident was logged
2. A brief description or classification of the incident
3. The total duration of the incident (in hours or minutes) - eg. Pump Hours/attendance time
4. The estimated notional hourly or total cost applied to the incident (if recorded)

Please provide the information in electronic format, preferably as an Excel spreadsheet or CSV file. Please avoid sending PDFs or Word documents if possible.

If you are unable to provide the specified information:

- If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.
- If you are unable to provide the specified information exactly as requested, please provide *any* data you have that is relevant to the request and explain why the other information cannot be provided.

Response:

Please see the attached excel file (FOI 26 80 - Animal Rescue Incidents) for our response to this request.

Please note, Dorset Fire & Rescue Service DWFRS has used our incident reporting system (IRS) to look at animal assistance incidents where the type of property is a vehicle.

For the time spent we have used the difference between the time of call and the stop message.

DWFRS has a Large Animal/Tech Rescue charge which is approximately £413.00 + VAT – This charge is dependent upon varying circumstances, such as; the resources required for the rescue, and is subject to change.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 10, April 2026