DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 193

Dog Related Water Incidents

Query:

I'm contacting you with a Freedom Of Information Request on person risk taking entering water in attempt to rescue dogs. The information I'm requesting is:

• Number of deployments to incidents involving people and/or dogs in water relating to dogs entering water

• Number of incidents that involves a person entering the water compared to number of incidents a person didn't enter

• Number of incidents a person required rescuing from the water.

• Number of incidents involving a fatality, and if dog and/or person.

• Breed of dog if known

• Waterway type

Response:

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) have searched our Incident Recording System (IRS) for any of the incident type Special Service/Animal assistance incidents/Rescue from water/mud etc/Domestic e.g Cat, Dog, Rodents, Horse, Bird, and so on. We have then used the Incident narrative to check if it was a Dog involved. Please see the following breakdown with our findings:

Person In Water	Person Rescued	Waterway type	Breed	Fatality
Yes	No	River	ALSATIAN	No
No	No	River	SPRINGER	No
No	No	River	POODLE	No
No	No	Culvert	COCKER SPANIEL	Yes
No	No	River	TERRIER	No
No	No	River	SPROKER SPANIEL	No
No	No	River		No

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 27, October 2026