

Our ref: FOI 744,816

Your ref:

Operations Directorate Services Team
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12 December 2016

Dear

Thank you for your freedom of information request of asking for animal fatality data. I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information.

In your email of 11 November 2016 you asked the following questions:

- *Please provide the number of dead animals found on roads from 2011 to 2015 inclusive, broken down by calendar year.*
- *If possible, please break down the figures by animal type.*

The requested annual data is shown in the table below:

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2192	1907	1632	2027	2143

Data is only available from the start date of our current maintenance contracts; therefore the 2015 figure is the only year for which a full set of information is available.

The above data cannot be fully broken down into animal type, as much of the data is not held in a searchable format. Where such information is held on record at that level of granularity, it is broken down in the table at Annex 1.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House

Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI 744,816 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Email: Ops_dst@highwaysengland.co.uk

Annex 1

Not all records we hold are in a searchable format that can be broken down by animal type. Where such information is held at that level of granularity, it is broken down in the table below.

Animal type	Year					Total
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Badger	83	111	214	186	180	774
Bird	1	18	1	5	10	35
Cats	17	32	86	81	71	287
Cormorant	0	0	2	0	0	2
Cow	0	1	2	0	1	4
Crow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Deer	178	129	168	122	194	791
Dog	36	48	66	52	47	249
Duck	0	2	0	5	1	8
Ferret	0	0	0	1	2	3
Fox	98	125	94	109	126	552
Goose	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hare	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hedgehog	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hen	0	0	0	1	0	1
Horse	1	2	1	3	1	8
Kestrel	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mink	2	1	0	1	0	4
Otter	18	11	21	17	29	96
Owl	17	30	12	16	41	116
Pheasant	0	1	7	14	29	51
Pig	0	0	0	0	1	1
Polecat	0	2	3	1	9	15
Rabbit	0	4	1	5	3	13
Seagull	0	0	2	0	0	2
Sheep	2	2	8	4	5	21
Squirrel	0	1	1	2	0	4
Swan	11	8	5	13	15	52
Wallaby	0	0	0	0	1	1
Weasel	1	0	0	0	0	1

Animal type not known / record of breakdown not held	1724	1378	938	1388	1377	6805
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Totals

2192 1907 1632 2027 2143