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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Disposal of dead animals

Thank you for your request for information on how local councils dispose of dead animals, which we received on 29 December 2013. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am writing to advise you that the information that you have requested is not held by Defra.

I can confirm that to the best of our knowledge the information is not held by another public authority. Defra and the Animal Health & Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) does regulate the disposal of animal by-products but this role is to produce advice and guidance on the safe disposal of carcasses as category 1 animal by products <https://www.gov.uk/dealing-with-animal-by-products> and don't produce any guidance on whether a local authority should take steps to notify the owner.

I have sent your request to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), which has confirmed that this information is not held centrally and that you will need to contact each Local Authority to obtain the information you need and may find this page in the GOV.UK website useful <https://www.gov.uk/report-dead-animal>.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours

Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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