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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Dead animals removed from roads in Essex and Suffolk

Thank you for your email of 31 December requesting information about the number of dead animals found on roads in Essex and Suffolk in 2017 and 2018. You also asked for those figures to be broken down by animal type. I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information.

Highways England maintains and operates the strategic road network in England. In Essex and Suffolk this includes the M11, A11, A12, A14, A47 and A120.

Animals carcasses are only removed from our roads where they are likely to cause a safety concern and primarily where they are causing an obstruction in a live lane. We will routinely remove the carcasses of cats and dogs with the aim of returning them to their owners if they can be traced through microchip records. We only keep records of carcasses removed and we only hold information from the start of the current asset support contract on 1 April 2017.

We record animal carcasses by species, where known, and the road from which it was removed, not by county. Therefore, the information provided below includes data for Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

2017 (from 1 April)

| | Badger | Cat | Dog | Deer | Swan | Otter | Unknown | Total |
|------|--------|-----|-----|------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| M11 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 |
| A11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| A12 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 15 |
| A14 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 20 |
| A47 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| A120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

2018

| | Badger | Cat | Dog | Deer | Swan | Fox | Sheep | Horse | Unknown | Total |
|------|--------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| M11 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 20 |
| A11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| A12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| A14 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 24 |
| A47 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| A120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

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 our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000; or email 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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 768,185 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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