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Dear [REDACTED]

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Wild Disabled Merlin Registrations**

Thank you for your request for information of 1st December about Wild Disabled Merlin Registrations. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“I'd like to know how many wild disabled merlins have been registered since 01/01/2018.

By "wild disabled" I mean merlin that were unfit for release and have lived longer than 12months in captivity”

APHA can confirm that based on the definition provided no wild disabled merlins have been registered since 1 January 2018.

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Yours sincerely

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