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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20161370**

**REQUEST**

***Can I find out the below information under the Fol Act please?***

***How many of your force's police dogs were injured in the line of duty in 2012? 2013? 2014? 2015? So far in 2016?***

***How many of your force's police dogs were killed or had to be put down as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty in 2012? 2013? 2014? 2015? So far in 2016?***

***How many of your force's police horses were injured in the line of duty in 2012? 2013? 2014? 2015? So far in 2016?***

***How many of your force's police horses were killed or had to be put down as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty in 2012? 2013? 2014? 2015? So far in 2016?***

**RESPONSE**

In relation to Police Dogs, our Police Dog Training Manager has advised that there has been two such cases:

1. A Police dog that has been injured on duty and taken to the vets where it was euthanized is SYPOL Bear. 2012

PD Bear was involved in a road traffic accident, He was on duty at the time, but ran out into the road, whilst being exercised and was struck by a passing vehicle receiving extensive back injuries.

He was taken to the vets for emergency treatment but euthanized on veterinary advice. Bear was a German Shepherd, was 30 months old and had been born and raised, within the SYP Puppy breed scheme.

2. The second one was a specialist search dog, SPOL Eddie, a 6 year old English springer spaniel. 2013.

PD Eddie, was rushed to the vets, by the handler, whilst on duty. The dog was lethargic and displaying the signs of shock. A blockage was diagnosed at the vets, however he died on the treatment table, the blockage was stomach cancer.

There have been no further incidents.

In relation to Police Horses, a Sergeant within the Mounted Section told me:

We had one horse punched to the head 07/09/13, but was not injured.

We have not had any horses killed or put down as a result of injury on duty for that time period