

Reference Number: **DAERA/26-378**

Request Details:

How many Dangerous Wild Animal Licenses have been granted/ rejected /licenses inspected in the years 2019 to 1st June 2026.

Northern Ireland Environment Agency
Natural Environment Division



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

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02 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 04 June 2026 that sought the following information:

1. How many Dangerous Wild Animal Licenses have been granted in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and between 1st January and 1st June 2026.
2. How many applications for Dangerous Wild Animal Licenses have been rejected in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and between 1st January and 1st June 2026.
3. How many annual inspections on license holders were carried out in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and between 1st January and 1st June 2026.
4. If possible, please provide a breakdown of the species of animals who were the subject of Dangerous Wild Animal licenses granted in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and between 1st January and 1st June 2026.

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I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested.

The information held is attached below:

Q1-Q3

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (1.1.26- 24.6.26)
Granted	15	15	14	2	2	2	6	0
Rejected	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Inspected	18	18	16	2	2	1	5	0

Q4

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
West African gaboon viper	Raccoon	Raccoon	Zebra	Emu	Ring-tailed Lemur	Sri Lankan Palm Viper
White Lipped Pit Viper	Coatimundi	Coatimundi	Spectacled Caiman	Ring-tailed lemur	White Lipped Island Pit Viper	King Cobra
Western Albino Diamond Back	Kinkajou	Kinkajou		Black-capped Capuchin	White Lipped Pit Viper	Monocled Cobra
Orange Pastel Albino Monocled Cobra	Tayra	Tayra		White Lipped Island Pit Viper	Sri Lankan Pit Viper	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake
Waglers Vipers	Binturong	Binturong		White Lipped Pit Viper	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake	Eyelash Viper
Uracoan Rattlesnake	North American Porcupine	West African Gaboon Viper		Sri Lankan Pit Viper	Golden Eyelash Pit Viper	Blue Insularis
Raccoon	West African gaboon viper	White Lipped Pit Viper		Cameroon Bush Viper	Big-eyed Viper	Western Diamondback Rattlesnake
Coatimundi	White Lipped Pit Viper	Western Albino Diamond Back		Neo Tropical Rattlesnake	Spectacled/Indian Cobra	Gaboon Viper
Kinkajou	Western Albino Diamond Back	Orange Pastel Albino Monocled Cobra		Golden Eyelash Pit Viper	Gaboon Viper	Copperhead
Tayra	Orange Pastel Albino Monocled Cobra	Waglers Vipers			King Cobra	Mangrove/White Lipped Viper Hybrid
Ring Tailed Lemur	Waglers Vipers	Uracoan Rattlesnake			Pakistan Black Cobra	Squam Bush Viper
Emu	Uracoan Rattlesnake	Forest Cobra			Monocles Cobra	Ring-tailed Lemur
Western Diamondback Rattlesnake	Fer de lance	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake			Egyptian Cobra	Sunda White Lipped Pit Viper

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Gaboon Viper	King Cobra	King Cobra			Mangrove snake	White Lip Pit Viper
Puff Adder	Emu	Bushmaster			Black necked spitting cobra	Sri Lankan Pit Viper
Cape Coral snake	Tiger	Mangshang Viper			Forest Cobra	Mangrove Pit Viper
Bitis nasicornis	Ring-tailed Lemur	Wolf Hybrid			Bushmaster Viper	Golden Eyelash Pit Viper
Russell's Viper	Black-capped Capuchin	Emu			Mangrove Pit Viper	Large Eyed pit Viper
Tiger	Caiman	Eastern green mamba			Western Diamonback Rattlesnake	Bushmaster
Squirrel monkey	Bitis nasicornis	Bothrops Asper				Mangrove snake
Black-capped Capuchin	Bothrops Asper	Spitting Cobra				Spectacled Cobra
Caiman	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake	Russell's Viper				Pakistani Black Cobra
	Bushmaster	Indian Cobra				Egyptian Cobra
	Squirrel monkey	Cape Coral Snake				Forest Cobra Black Necked Spitting Cobra
		Spectacled Cobra				Malaysian King Cobra
		Tiger				Western Green Mamba
		Cheetah Cat				Culver's Dwarf Caiman
		Ring-tailed Lemur				Vogel's Pit Viper
		Black-capped Capuchin				Bornean Keeled Green Pit Viper
		Squirrel Monkey				Squirrel Monkey

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

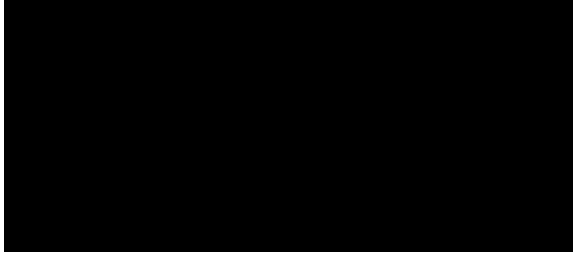
If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane,

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Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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