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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 3 August 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

Please provide me with a breakdown of how many animals DAERA have euthanised between January 2021 to July 2026. Please provide a Microsoft excel spreadsheet breakdown with the following column headings for each cull:

- **Date of cull**
- **Type of animal**
- **Number of animals euthanised**
- **Reason for cull e.g. disease, welfare concerns etc**
- **Cost of cull**

Clarification received: I mean farmed animals humanely destroyed on farm by Department Officials.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that we hold the requested information. This is attached as Annex A. Please note that you may have to expand some of the columns on the CSV file to view all of the information.

If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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Figures provided in Annex A are approximate totals based on the available records.

In line with EU reporting obligations, these data are collated and held by month and reasons for humane destruction are recorded under the following headings:

“Animal health” reasons relate to the killing of the animals primarily to prevent spreading the disease to other animals.

“Public Health” reasons relate to the killing of animals primarily to prevent microbiological or chemical contamination of human beings.

“Other” relate to the killing of animals for animal welfare or environmental reasons.

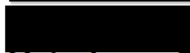
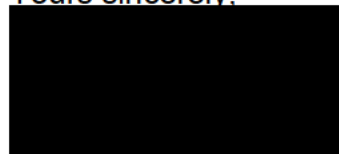
Also to note, the costs listed include equipment hire, gas procurement and compensation (if applicable) but exclude staff, ammunition or lethal injection costs, as this data is not held.

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

Yours sincerely,



Veterinary Service Animal Health Group