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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/04471**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 10th August. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I am requesting the following information under the freedom of information act.**

**Would you be able to tell me please how many (if any) of your police dogs and horses have been injured on duty in the last 24 months?**

**Where possible can you tell me how many were deliberately harmed by a member of the public.**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

**Response** – Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Constabularies have a collated Dog Unit. Records are not held in relation to injuries as all dogs will attend a vet when treatment is required. We do not have horses.

Please see the below link from the Hertfordshire Constabulary website which provides information regarding Police Dog Finn who was stabbed:

<https://www.herts.police.uk/news-and-appeals/police-dog-finn-to-be-awarded-animal-george-cross>

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.

