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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST DATED 3 NOVEMBER 2018

Please be advised of the following in relation to your request. The information below relates to the last three financial years.

Question 1 How many times have the service been called out to rescue stuck **pets** in the last three years?

Domesticated animals (pets) as defined by NIFRS Operations Policy No. 10 – Animal Rescues (July 2006). Please see the table below.

Year	No. of Incidents
2015/2016	75
2016/2017	76
2017/2018	56
Grand Total	207

Question 2 How many times have the service been called out to rescue **other animals, excluding pets**, in the last three years?

Other Animals (Wild Animals & Large Animals) as defined by NIFRS Operations Policy No. 10 – Animal Rescues (July 2006). Please see the table below.

Year	No. of Incidents
2015/2016	74
2016/2017	73
2017/2018	79
Grand Total	226

Question 3 What are the strangest/most **exotic pets** the fire service has rescued in the past three years?

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*The number of incidents is nil. However please see table below – which provides details of animals rescued that were considered exotic but **not pets**.*

OTHER ANIMALS				
Animal Type	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Grand Total
BIRD	4	5	2	11
CALF	5	7	5	17
CATTLE	21	29	39	89
COW	2			2
DONKEY	1		2	3
DUCK	3	1		4
ELEPHANT			1	1
FOAL	1			1
GOAT		1	1	2
HAWK			1	1
HORSE	20	18	16	54
LAMB	1	1	1	3
MONKEY	1			1
OWL			1	1
PARROT			1	1
PIG	2	2	1	5
PIGEON		1		1
SEAGULL	3			3
SHEEP	7	6	5	18
SWAN	3	2	3	8
Grand Total	74	73	79	226

Question 4 How many hours of fire service time has been spent rescuing pets in the last three years?

Please see the table below.

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Year	Time
2015/2016	35:49:30
2016/2017	42:34:34
2017/2018	35:27:43
Grand Total	113:51:47

Question 5 How many hours of fire service time has been spent rescuing **other animals, excluding pets**, in the last three years?

Please see the table below.

Year	Time
2015/2016	106:28:23
2016/2017	126:45:02
2017/2018	116:16:05
Grand Total	349:29:30

Question 6 How many hours has been spent by the fire service battling **fires** for the last three years?

Please see the table below.

Year	Time
2015/2016	4819:53:50
2016/2017	4849:07:45
2017/2018	4983:47:17
Grand Total	14652:48:52

Review Process

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to Deborah Reynolds the Head of Planning Performance & Governance, 1 Seymour Street, Lisburn, BT27 4SX within two calendar months of the date of this letter.

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If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner contact details are – 3rd Floor 14 Cromac Place Belfast BT7 2JB.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer