



28 April 2017

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 494/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

1. I would like to be provided with the most recent zoo inspection reports for every zoo in your local authority area. By zoo, I refer to the definition made under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, which describes a zoo as 'an establishment where wild animals are kept for exhibition to the public otherwise than for purposes of a circus and otherwise than in a pet shop; any zoo to which members of the public have access, with or without charge for admission, on more than seven days in any period of 12 consecutive months.

Answer: We have two zoos in this Local Authority Area:

Rutland Falconry and Owl Centre, Burley Bushes, Exton, Oakham, LE15 7TA; and Bugtopia-the-Zoo, Sykes Lane, Empingham, Oakham, LE15 8QL.

Two inspection reports are attached, one for each zoo.

2. I would also like to be provided with the accompanying stocklists and mortality lists for each zoo in your local authority area, accompanied by relevant post-mortem results where these are provided.

Answer: Two stocklists are attached, one for each zoo. There are no separate mortality lists (all the relevant information is contained within the stocklists). There are no relevant post-mortem results.

3. I would lastly like to be provided with any complaints made to the local authority regarding each zoo – specifically focussing on the welfare of animals and the general management of each zoo. Complaints may have been made by concerned members of the public, other businesses or zoo staff. I am concerned with the time period January 2014 to the most recent on file. If you deem any of the above information is liable to be withheld for Data Protection reasons, I am happy for any names (of complainants, for example) to be redacted.

Answer: Rutland County Council has received one complaint during the time requested. This was regarding the Falconry and Owl Centre. This was jointly investigated by RSPCA and this Council and it was decided there was insufficient evidence to warrant further action.

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Yours faithfully

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