FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 547/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

1. Does the Authority (or ALEO) scan cat RTA victims collected for a microchip and record the chip number?

   Answer:
   Yes, via a vet.

   1a. If yes do you inform the relevant microchip database company (eg by phone) that you have found the deceased cat so that they can contact the cat owner?

      Answer:
      The vet does this on behalf of Rutland County Council.

   1b. If yes do you inform your local branch of Cats Protection?

      Answer:
      No

2. If your Authority (or ALEO) does not scan cat RTA victims please tick which of the following statements are relevant - you can tick multiple answers.
   - Not thought about it
   - Do not have scanners
   - Too time consuming to scan
   - Don’t know what to do with information that appears on scanner
   - Other – please specify

      Answer:
      Not Applicable

3. If your Authority (or ALEO) does not scan cat RTA victims – please answer the following question.
   If scanners were provided free of charge together with information about how to report the cat’s details to the relevant microchip database company from the information appearing on the scanner would you (or ALEO) consider scanning cat RTA victims?
4. Please indicate which of the following statements apply by ticking yes or no for each statement.

4a. Authority (or ALEO) disposes of the cat carcass immediately when it is returned to the Council/ALEO depot.

Answer: Not Applicable

4b. Authority (or ALEO) logs descriptive details of the cat carcass, cat’s appearance, with a description of when and where it was found etc.

Answer: Not Applicable

4c. Authority (or ALEO) keeps the cat carcass in a freezer for a set period so it can inform enquirers if they contact the authority that they have collected a cat resembling that “lost” by the owner.

Answer: Not Applicable

Other – please specify

In the event that an owner cannot be traced, the vet stores any microchipped cat carcass for a set period (frozen), in case the owner comes forward. Any cat carcasses which are not microchipped, are destroyed.

5. How many cat Road Traffic Accident (RTA) carcasses have been collected in each of following years? If this data is not recorded but you can provide an estimate this is acceptable but please clarify it is an estimate.

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

Answer: No cat Road Traffic Accident (RTA) carcasses were recorded during any of the above time periods.

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Yours faithfully

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