FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 527/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

1. Have you used the new Equine Microchipping Legislation which started in October 2018 (other than for Licensing)?

Answer:
No

2. Does the Council have a Animal Welfare Officer or Officer Appointed to deal with Horse-related issues for your County?

Answer:
Rutland County Council has an “Animal Health Officer” who is able to deal with issues / offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. This would include horses although we would work with other organisations such as RSPCA and World Horse Welfare, to ensure the best outcome is achieved.

3. Does the Council have a Horse Issue Protocol in place?

Answer:
Rutland County Council do not have a specific policy as regards horses.

4. Does the Council have access to an Equine Green Yard or Equine Bailiff service?

Answer:
Rutland County Council are aware of a number of Equine Bailiff Services that are able to remove horses.

5. Does your Council web page have information for the public to access on Equines – particularly Tethering, Flygrazing, Welfare Concerns, Equine ID & Microchipping?

Answer:
Rutland County Council does have a webpage, but it does not provide specific advice on the issues mentioned above.
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Yours faithfully

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