

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000272
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CATS involved in road traffic accidents (RTAs) on the roads

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would like to make a formal request for the information set out in the form below. The information is sought on behalf of Cats Protection, the UK's leading feline welfare charity. In case the form's formatting is disrupted, I have attached a Word version for your convenience.

Thank you for your request for information about the above, which we are dealing under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 rather than Freedom of Information request.

In response to your request please find our response below:

SCANNING AND ACTION TAKEN		
Please indicate which of the following statements apply by ticking yes or no for each statement.		
	Yes	No
Does the Authority (or ALEO) scan cat RTA victims collected for a microchip and record the chip number?	Yes	
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?	Yes – but they provide the owners details so that we can contact the owner and make arrangements to collect their pet.	
If yes do you inform your local branch of Cats Protection?	No	
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	
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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?

Please circle the relevant answer:

Yes No Don’t know

COLLECTION AND LOGGING		
Please indicate which of the following statements apply by ticking yes or no for each statement.		
	Yes	No
Authority (or ALEO) disposes of the cat carcass immediately when it is returned to the Council/ALEO depot.		No
Authority (or ALEO) logs descriptive details of the cat carcass, cat’s appearance, with a description of when and where it was found etc.	Yes	
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.	Yes	
Other – please specify		

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
87	51	50

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