

Ref: EIR / 6303

02<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

## **Environmental Information Regulations Request - Animal Welfare**

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

**Under FOI legislation please provide me with a breakdown of the animal welfare complaints received by your council for the calendar years 2021 - 2025.**

### **1. A yearly breakdown of the overall number complaints received by Animal Welfare sections of your council.**

- 2021- Complaints 394
- 2022 - Complaints 400
- 2023 - Complaints 523
- 2024 - Complaints 519
- 2025 - Complaints 456

### **2. A breakdown of complaints by type of animal it related to.**

Unfortunately, this information is not held in an easily accessible/easily searched format. As a result, this would require staff to manually look through 5 years of Animal Welfare complaint folders to determine and separate the complaints by type of animal related to from all other complaints. There are approximately 2,292 files and a search on each file would take approximately 10 minutes.

Given the above, we consider this to be a manifestly unreasonable request and accordingly are now providing the information on that basis.

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**3. Number of improvement notices issued.**

94

**4. Number of animals voluntarily signed over to local council.**

97

**5. Number of disposal orders issued.**

5

**6. Total number of animals seized.**

44

**Number of prosecution actions commenced.**

2

**7. Number of convictions secured.**

6

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

**Seamus Donaghy**

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