



20 April 2026

Request:

1. Please provide details of the number of domestic fires responded to by your fire service between January 1st 2020, and December 31st 2025, where a pet was either rescued or killed at the scene of the fire. Please break down these figures into animal rescue and animal fatality.
2. Of these incidents where a pet was either rescued or killed during a domestic fire, please provide details of the number of these incidents where the fire was caused by an electrical source of ignition.
3. Of the incidents involving pets where the source of ignition was deemed electrical, please provide details on the causes where possible (e.g faulty wiring, appliance malfunction, misuse of appliances, overloaded sockets etc)
4. Where a pet death or injury was recorded, please provide a breakdown by animal type (dogs, cats, birds, etc.)
5. Of the incidents whereby a pet was rescued or killed how many of these occurred while the pet was alone in the dwelling.

Response:

The relevant departments have been approached within Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) and I can confirm that NFRS does not hold information relevant to your request. This is because the involvement of pets in fires is not recorded in the NFRS Incident Recording System.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not for the production of statistical information for Freedom of Information responses.

If you decide to write an article/use the enclosed data, we ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision.

Prior to lodging a formal appeal you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that the Service have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge an appeal with the Service to have the decision reviewed.

Appeals should be made in writing within 20 days of receipt of your reply and either emailed to freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk or addressed to:

Freedom of Information Manager

Information Unit

Darby House

Darby Close

Park Farm Industrial Estate

Wellingborough

NN8 6GS

Where possible the Service will aim to respond to your appeal within 20 working days.

However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging an appeal with the Service, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk Alternatively, telephone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF Phone: 0303 123 1113