



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**REQUEST NUMBER:** F-2013-03389

**REQUEST DETAILS:**

*"I wish to know how many reports of 'big cats' have been made to your force over the last three years.*

*Where possible, please include details of these reports. I am not interested in personal details of who made the report, I just wish to know what they claim to have seen e.g. a large black cat and details of whereabouts it was seen, e.g. a garden, a woodland etc."*

**RESPONSE:**

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

*This response is correct as of 26 November 2013*

A search was completed of the call data for any incident with the words 'Big Cat'. This located the following 4 relevant events.

23 March 2010

Big Cat Sighting near Coddendam, which ran across the road in front of the car.

Animal described to be approximately 1 metre in length and dark in colour, not black, with a mottled effect on its fur.

17 May 2011

Informant reported seeing a black Pantha in the Beccles/Bungay SNT area. This appears to be a re-occurrence of previous sightings over the last 10 years.

1 March 2012

Informant reported their dog has been chased by a big cat, possibly a Puma, light grey all over. This was within the Babergh East SNT area.

13 July 2013

Informant reported seeing a Puma. The report was in the Clare area.