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Dear Sunday Express

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 424/11/12**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act details of big cat and wild animal sightings reported to your force during the last five years.
- 2 I would also like to request details of extra-terrestrial and supernatural sightings reported in your area during the same period.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

### **Response to your Request**

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

#### Part 1

In August 2011 we disclosed information relating to a request for reports of suspected "big cats" between January 2010 and August 2011. The response to this request is available to view on the Disclosure Log of the Norfolk Constabulary website.

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means, in this case via the Norfolk Constabulary website, therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

Please use the link below to access the relevant page of the disclosure log. The document reference of the response is 225/11/12.

<http://www.norfolk.police.uk/aboutus/yourrighttoinformation/freedomofinformation/disclosurelog.aspx?category=Contact+and+Control+Room&year=2011>

As detailed on that response the information has been collated from reports made to Norfolk Constabulary's Contact and Control Room. The keywords used to carry out the search are: Big



Cat, Black Cat, Large Cat, Cheetah, Feline, Leopard, Lion, Lynx, Panther, Puma and Tiger. Reports not relevant to this request have been manually excluded.

The same search has been carried out for the years 2006 to 2009 and the results are detailed below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Incident Details</b>
02/01/2006	NORWICH	CALLER HAS REPORTED SEEING A BLACK PANTHER IN THE PARK
20/01/2006	TOFTWOOD	CALLER REPORTS A SIGHTING OF A BIG CAT WHICH LOOKED LIKE A LION
20/02/2006	A134 SUFFOLK	CALLER HAS SEEN A LARGE BLACK CAT
23/01/2006	DISS	INF BELIEVES THE SHEEP MAY HAVE BEEN BITEN/CLAWED BY THE "NORFOLK PUMA"
03/03/2006	THORPE ST ANDREW	CALLER REPORTS LARGE CAT ALMOST AS BIG AS A DOG
17/03/2006	THETFORD	ABOUT HALF A MILE PAST TESCOS A LARGE BLACK PANTHER WAS SEEN ON THE FARM LAND NEAR TO A WOOD
17/03/2006	THETFORD	CALLER REPORTS HE SAW A BIG BLACK CAT
09/05/2006	WHITTINGTON, KINGS LYNN	CALLER REPORTS LARGE CAT PRINTS ON THE FIELD WHICH COULD BE FROM A LARGE CAT
06/06/2006	BRANCASTER STAITHE	LARGE CAT SEEN NEAR HOUSE BELIEVED SIMILAR TO A LYNX
10/06/2006	DEREHAM	CALLER SAW WHAT LOOKED LIKE A PUMA EATING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, APPROX TWICE THE SIZE OF A FULLY GROWN CAT
27/06/2006	CHEDGRAVE	CALLER REPORTS SIGHTING A BIG BLACK CAT
01/07/2006	HUNSTANTON	CALLER SAW WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS A BLACK PANTHER JUMP OUT IN FRONT OF THEM, HAD A LONG THICK TAIL AND EXTREMELY LARGE FEET
11/07/2006	NORTH WALSHAM	CALLER SAW A WILD CAT - BELIEVES IT WAS A PUMA
22/07/2006	ACLE STRAIGHT, A47	CALLER REPORTS THERE IS A DEAD PUMA AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD ON THE GRASS VERGE.
05/08/2006	HUNSTANTON	AT APROX 0530HRS THIS MORNING CALLER SAW A LARGE BLACK PANTHER IN HER BACK GARDEN
20/08/2006	FRAMLINGHAM EARL	CALLER SAW WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A PUMA IN FRONT OF HIM
02/12/2006	HETHEL	CALLER REPORTS THAT SHEEP WAS ATTACKED BY A PUMA

16/02/2007	ATTLEBOROUGH	CALLER REPORTS A LARGE BLACK CAT WHICH LOOKS LIKE A PUMA OR PANTHER HAS BEEN SEEN
19/02/2007	NORWICH	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A LARGE BLACK AT POSSIBLY A PANTHER
26/02/2007	BRIDGHAM	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A LARGE FELINE SHAPE
19/03/2007	NORWICH	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A PUMA
16/04/2007	CROMER	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A PUMA IN THE WOODS
07/05/2007	THETFORD	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A VERY LARGE CAT WITH A LONG TAIL WHICH LOOKED LIKE A PANTHER
21/06/2007	A149	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A LARGE DARK BROWN PANTHER LIKE ANIMAL
16/09/2007	HARLESTON	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A BLACK PANTHER
26/10/2007	NORTH WALSHAM	CALLER REPORTS HER HORSE MAY HAVE BEEN SPOOKED BY A PUMA/PANTHER
26/11/2007	NORWICH	CALLER REPORTS A BLACK LEOPARD WALKED ACROSS THE ROAD
09/12/2007	BARNHAM BROOM	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A LARGE CAT LIKE CREATURE WHICH LOOKED LIKE A PANTHER
23/12/2007	WEST WINCH COMMON	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A LARGE BLACK CAT WHICH WAS THE SIZE OF A LEOPARD
30/05/2007	KINGS LYNN	CALLER SAW A LARGE BLACK CAT IN GATEWAY NEAR CREMATORIUM
29/09/2007	BRANDON ROAD, THETFORD	CALLER REPORTS SIGHTING A FEMALE LION BY THE WOODED AREA
06/03/2008	A11, SPOONER ROW	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A BLACK PANTHER GOING OVER THE A11
22/04/2008	ATTLEBOROUGH	CALLER REPORTS SEEING WHAT LOOKED LIKE A LION OR TIGER WALKING IN THE ROAD
26/04/2008	SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE	CALLER SAW ANIMAL ATTACKING A DUCK, DESCRIBED AS A HYBRID OF A PUMA
27/04/2008	HOCKWOLD	CALLER REPORTS A SIGHTING OF A BLACK CAT IN THE FIELD OPPOSITE
28/04/2008	HALVERGATE	CALLER REPORTS SEVERAL SIGHTINGS OF A BLACK PANTHER IN THE AREA
04/05/2008	IRSTEAD, NORWICH	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A VERY LARGE CAT
05/06/2008	GUIST	CALLER REPORTS A LARGE CAT IS UP A TREE AT THE END OF THE GARDEN, POSSIBLY A PUMA
17/08/2008	SWAFIELD	CALLER REPORTS SIGHTING A BIG CAT

17/09/2008	SHIPDHAM	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A BLACK PUMA INA FIELD
17/09/2008	STRUMPSHAW	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A BIG BLACK CAT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
20/09/2008	NORWICH	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A LYNX IN A FIELD
04/01/2009	GREAT YARMOUTH	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A FEMALE PUMA
02/02/2009	WYMONDHAM	CALLER SAW A PUMA WALK ACROSS THE FOOTPATH
10/02/2009	WATTON	CALLER STATES HE SAW A BLACK PANTHER
26/02/2009	STRADSETT	CALLER STATES THEY HAVE SEEN A SET OF LARGE FOOTPRINTS IN THE AREA
02/03/2009	UPWELL	CALLER REPORTS SIGHTING OF LARGE ANIMAL/CAT
18/03/2009	CROMER	CALLERS REPORTS SIGHTING OF A PUMA/PANTHER
28/03/2009	TACOLNESTON	CALLER REPORTING THAT HE HAS SEEN BIG CAT ON A FIELD JUST OUTSIDE TACOLNESTON.
29/03/2009	SWANNINGTON	CALLER REPORTING A SIGHTING OF A 'LARGE BLACK CAT'
04/05/2009	NORWICH	CALLER SAW BIG CAT (SIZE OF A LEOPARD) CLIMBING A FENCE
08/05/2009	MERTON, THETFORD	CALLER SPOTTED A LARGE BLACK ANIMAL WALKING IN THE WOODS LOOKED LIKE A BIG CAT
20/05/2009	STALHAM	CALLER REPORTS SEEING A VERY LARGE BLACK CAT
19/06/2009	STRATTON STRAWLESS	CALLER REPORTS SHE SAW A WILD CAT WHICH SHE THOUGHT WAS A PUMA
23/06/2009	COCKLEY CLEY	CALLER SAW A YOUNG LION ABOUT 1 YEAR OLD
24/06/2009	BLOFIELD, NORWICH	CALLER HAS SEEN A LARGE BLACK CAT
11/07/2009	CROMER	CALLERS WIFE SAW A BLACK PANTHER
03/09/2009	BRADENHAM	CALLER SAW WHAT SHE DESCRIBES AS A LARGE CAT
01/12/2009	SCOLE	CALLER SAW A PUMA IN THE FIELDS
27/12/2009	KERDISTON	3 LYNX'S HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE AREA

## Part 2

Our Business Performance and Analysis Unit have located the following calls relevant to your this part of your request.

- 11 calls have been received referring to UFO sightings or abductions by UFOs.
- 5 calls received detailing claims of being a vampire.
- 3 calls received detailing ghost activity.

This response will be published on the Norfolk Constabulary's web-site [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk) under the Freedom of Information pages at [Publication Scheme - Disclosure Logs](#).

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.