

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1852  
Date: 26 September 2022



## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**I would like to submit an FoI/EIR request relating to the joint SSPCA/Police Scotland search, under warrant, of Millden Estate in the Angus Glens in October 2019.**

**Police Scotland has confirmed (in other FoI response: IM-FOI-2022-1616) that three buzzards were found and were confirmed to have been shot with a shotgun. Please can you provide information about ALL of the dead raptors found on Millden on the day of this search, including those additional corpses found next to the river.**

- 1. How many raptors were found in total?**
- 2. How many of each species?**
- 3. How many of this total were submitted for x-ray or post mortem?**
- 4. What were the results of each x-ray and/or post mortem?**

In response to your request, I can reiterate that 3 dead buzzards were recovered on the Millden estate.

I can further advise that at a *second location* a bag containing 5 dead buzzards and 1 dead sparrowhawk was recovered.

All of the dead birds recovered were subject to post-mortem examination and were found to have been shot or there was evidence of them having being shot.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at [foiundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foiundee@scotland.police.uk) quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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