



**Freedom of Information Request 01/FOI/22/1403**

1. For the calendar year 2021, please tell me how many incidents and crimes of animal abuse\* you have recorded in which one of the following social media sites was named in the MO and/or the Investigation Summary Field
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - TikTok
  - Instagram
  - YouTube

\*By animal abuse, I'm referring to any of the following:

Crime type	Home Office classification
Causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering of protected animal	97/01
Carrying out, permitting, causing to be carried out or failing to prevent prohibited procedure on a protected animal	97/02
Removing or causing or permitting or failing to prevent removal of dog's tail other than for medical treatment	97/03
Administration of poisons etc to a protected animal	97/04
Offences relating to animal fights	97/05
Intercourse with an animal by a male	88/3
Intercourse with an animal by a female	88/4
Possession of extreme pornographic images – person performing an act of intercourse or oral sex with an animal (dead or alive)	86/14

2. For each social media site, could you please give a sub-total of the number of times they were mentioned in the MO and/or Investigation Summary Field in an animal abuse incident or crime, broken down by Home Office Classification codes?
3. Finally, could you please provide me with copies of the MOs and/or Investigation Summary Fields (depending on what is available) for the ten most recent crimes and incidents identified in the search (excluding any that are subject to ongoing investigation)? Please redact any details that cannot be disclosed for privacy reasons, etc.

## **RESPONSE**

British Transport Police (BTP) does not have a specific crime code for each of the offences listed in question 1.

Therefore, a search has been carried out for BTP offences recorded between 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022 that are marked against Crime Codes:

E65 Sexual activity with an animal (male)

E61 Possession of extreme pornographic images (bestiality)

U00 Other notifiable offences not listed

Z86 Other non-notifiable offences not listed (which together would cover the “animal abuse” offences listed that lack their own dedicated code)

Where the Free Text Keywords or Summary fields contained the text string %facebook%, or %twitter%, or %tiktok%, or %instagram%, or %youtube% (% being a wildcard).

No information is held for all questions.