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Request:

We are writing to you with a Freedom of Information Request relating to equine care and welfare. We are conducting a project for the RSPCA exploring equine welfare and management in England and Wales (incorporating Equine Overpopulation, Overbreeding, Neglect and Abandonment) and would be grateful for any information you have on this issue.

We specifically request information you have on the following aspects in your area each year for the last 10 years, and welcome associated information you have:

1. Number of licensed equine establishments (both riding schools and those hiring out horses, ponies and donkeys)
2. Number of livery yards
3. Number of licenced equine slaughtermen (knackermen) and abattoirs
4. Number of equines slaughtered in the abattoirs and killed by knackermen in your area
5. Number of complaints/ calls relating to equine welfare, and the outcome of those calls
6. Number of calls received about fly grazing or equine abandonment with number of horses, ponies and donkeys involved
7. Number of horses, ponies and donkeys detained after being reported as fly grazing or abandoned
8. Number of equine welfare related prosecutions
9. Number of equine passport fixed penalty notices

Response:

1. 2 riding schools and 2 businesses exhibiting animals which include horses and ponies
2. This information is not held by the Authority
3. There are zero licenced equine slaughtermen or abattoirs in North Tyneside

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4. Not applicable
5. 4. All premises were visited. In two cases no action was required and in the other two advice was given.
6. 55
7. 0 (zero)
8. 0 (zero)
9. 0 (zero)

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