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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_16-207)

We have now considered your request of 18 October 2016 as clarified on 19 October for the following information relating to animal experimentation at UEA:

I would like to know all of the following for the last three academic years (13/14, 14/15, 15/16)

- 1 - How many animals were used in tests*
- 2 - How many individual tests were carried out on animals*
- 3 - How many animals were killed in tests*
- 4 - How many animals were harmed in tests*
- 5 - A list of the animals by species that were used in tests*
- 6 - The purpose of the tests carried out (e.g. measuring brain activity, testing a cure for HIV, etc)*

To confirm our understanding of the clarified request, we have altered your request as follows:

- Data is provided by calendar, not academic year
- The word 'test' within this request means a "a regulated procedure" for the purposes of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986
- The work 'harm' within this request is interpreted as The Home Office classification for the effect of regulated procedures as based on the classifications "Sub-threshold, Mild, Moderate, Severe, and Non-recovery"
- Your request is for the total number of procedures, both ASPA and non-ASPA
- Question 5 is in fact a request for the species and the number used.
- The 'purpose' of the tests will be given by way of a list of the subject areas and project titles

As per your request, our response is within the attached Excel file entitled FOI_16-207 Appendix A.

Please note, however, that our response, in relation to data for 2013, particularly in relation to the number of animals harmed has some significant quality issues. This is due to the fact that the Home Office classification system of measuring harm that we agreed with you in your clarification to use was not required in 2013 and therefore any data from 2013 is not complete in this respect. We would request that the harm data for 2013 be regarded as advisory only and should not be considered authoritative nor utilised for comparative purposes.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Yours sincerely

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