

<b>FOI REF:</b>	14687
<b>RESPONSE SENT:</b>	02/09/2024

**Request:**

This is a request under the freedom of information act. I am seeking data and or information with regards to equines that are abandoned and end up fly grazing across the City of Winchester.

- 1 Data, the number of abandoned fly grazing horses for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
2. The most effective solutions that The city of Winchester Council use to combat this welfare issue..

**Response (answers in bold type):**

1 Data, the number of abandoned fly grazing horses for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. We had no fly grazed horses in 2021, 2022, 2023. **We had 2 complaints of horses fly grazing in 2020; in both complaints a single horse but the owner was discovered on both occasions so not strictly abandoned.**

2. The most effective solutions that The city of Winchester Council use to combat this welfare issue. **This is very subjective but we follow the legislation and associated guidance regarding the Control Of Horses Act 2015.**

