

<b>FOI REF:</b>	17285
<b>RESPONSE SENT:</b>	15/06/2026

## Request

I request all records you hold relating to the known injury or death of animals that are not rats or mice that have occurred or are suspected to have occurred as a result of rodent control operations. This means operations that were commissioned, administered, or delivered by the council, whether through in-house pest control staff or by external contractors engaged by the council. My request includes casualties resulting from any lethal or live-capture rodent control method where non-target mortality occurred, including but not limited to:

- Anticoagulant or acute rodenticide use (such as suspected secondary poisoning of raptors, hedgehogs, mustelids, or other wildlife)
- Spring or kill traps (Fenn traps, tunnel traps, or similar)
- Glue boards or adhesive traps
- Any other method

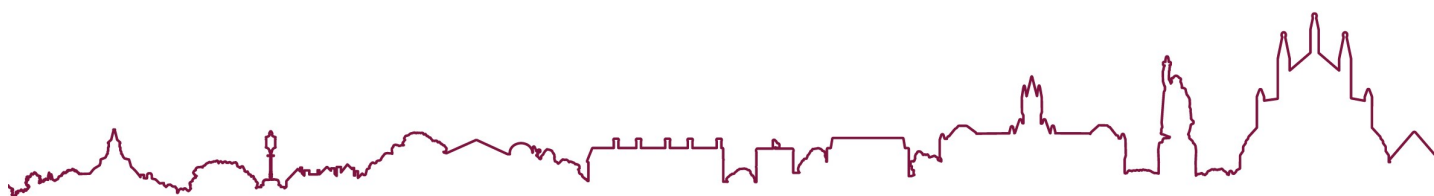
This request covers both confirmed casualties and cases where a causal link to rodent control was suspected but not formally established, for example where an animal was found dead in or near bait stations, traps or treatment areas.

For each recorded incident or casualty, can you provide where held:

1. Species, or best identification available (e.g. "unidentified raptor")
2. Number of animals affected
3. Outcome (killed/injured/released alive)
4. Date or approximate date
5. Control method responsible
6. General location or site type (e.g. housing estate, council depot, public park)
7. Whether the operation was in-house or contracted out, and if the latter, the contractor's name

I also request where available:

- Any summary or aggregate reports relating to non-target casualties in the council's rodent control programme
- Any contractual provisions, standing instructions, or service specifications requiring pest control contractors to report non-target casualties to the council



## Response

Winchester City Council have no records that indicate nontarget species being harmed by rodent control activities.

