

**Information Management Section  
IT Services Branch**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Dear XXXX

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17<sup>th</sup> December, received by Greater Manchester Police for the following information:

- Details of all sightings of big cats (wild felines not native to the UK) investigated by Greater Manchester Police from November 2005 to date.
- I would appreciate the location of each sighting and the nature of the reports, including any action taken by officers.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Result Of Searches

Information relating your request above is disclosed within the below table.

<b><i>Incident Date</i></b>	<b><i>Type of animal</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Nature of Call</i></b>	<b><i>Action taken by GMP</i></b>
14 <sup>th</sup> January 2006	Large Cat	Rochdale	Sighted in farmers field	Notified Wild Life Officer – No further action taken
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2006	Large Black Puma	Wigan	Sighted walking along fenceline of park	Incident log closed pending any other calls
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	Large Puma	Wigan	Sighted on a Field	Notified Wild Life Officer - Investigation if required.
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	Black Puma	Bury	Sighted running across the road towards woods	Notified Wild Life Officer to view incident log number
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	Tiger/Puma	Bury	Run out in front of informant	Notified RSPCA
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2006	Black Puma	Bolton	Sighted at rear of informant address	No further action taken – false call
01 <sup>st</sup> March 2007	Panther	Bury	Sighted 1 week ago and sighted again	Police Officer attended location
06 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	Tiger	Gorton	Thinks there is a baby tiger in the area	Advised to Contact the RSPCA

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Yours sincerely