11 June 2026

Dear

ATISN 27015 – Assessment of hunting hound welfare in relation to trail hunting

Thank you for your request which we received on 27 May 2026. You asked for assessments, briefing papers, stakeholder correspondence or policy documents concerning:

- hunting hounds in Wales;
- the number of hunting hounds in Wales;
- welfare implications of restrictions or bans on trail hunting; rehoming or retirement of hunting hounds

We have interpreted you are requesting assessments, briefing papers, correspondence and policy documents relating to hunting hounds and their welfare. Following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the Welsh Government does not hold information you requested.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely