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### [Start of Request for Information](#)

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act on Hastings Borough Council's policies in regards to the collection and disposal of deceased animals from roads and public areas. Specifically animals that may be pets (dogs, cats etc).

- 1) Are animals scanned for a microchip? *Yes*
- 2) Is there a policy for contacting owners if there is an ID tag present on the collar with owner contact details? *Dependant upon 'condition', cats are taken to Coopers Vets, who will contact owners whenever possible. If details are available for a dog, the Council would seek to contact the owners*
- 3) Is there a policy for recording details of the collection (description of animal, location, presence of collar)? *Details of reported dead animals are recorded on the Council's 'Confirm' database system*
- 4) How are animals disposed of (landfill, incineration etc)? *Cats are taken to Coopers Vets and dogs are taken to a transfer station, then collected for incineration*
- 5) Are animal remains stored for any period of time to enable owner collection? *The Council does not have the facility to store remains*

### [End of Request for Information](#)