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1	03 January 2020		Between Hardley & Dibden roundabouts in what was the enclosure	1						No	N/A	I was walking the dogs with my family (3adults, 8children and 2dogs) yesterday in the enclosure between hardley round about and Dibden round about and this pony wouldn't leave us alone, followed us from the gate on the right round a pylon up to a wooded area and right out to the gate on the left side of the enclosure. The pony almost bit our youngest boy (2 years old) who was trying to walk back to us, where ever we walked the pony followed to point we left the pushchair to which it then pushed over my youngest girl (1year old, thankfully she wasn't in it) pushchair had its head in the changing bag and was biting the handle. We tried to scare it off by throwing sticks towards it, the dogs barking and kids screaming (as they were terrified) and nothing fazed the pony. I have a picture of the pony and the pushchair.	FE
5	20th January 2020		Near Ipers Bridge	Herd					1 Dog		N/A	From MOP by email: Whilst driving the ipers bridge road this morning I had a herd of deer run in front of me that were being chased by a brindle/brown boxer dog in a [REDACTED]. Myself and another driver pulled over to try and stop him being hit and to try and slow traffic incase he chased the deer back again he then upset a herd of ponies who also galloped across the road the dog then took off back across the road I assume in the direction of its owner who we could just make out in the distance walking away. There was no attempt at a recall and they didn't appear to notice the chaos their dog was causing on the road.	FE
11	04 May 2020	14:30 approx	Wellow Common			3			1 Dog	No	N/A	Chow Chow dog attacking 3 donkeys, donkeys were running around screaming and the lady owner of the dog was yelling at it whilst walking away towards the dew pond. Owner eventually had to borrow a lead off the witness to catch the dog with as she did not have one with her. One of the donkeys which was heavily pregnant received bad bites to her stomach, flank and hind quarters and was in a very distressed state. Reported to police	
14			Hatchet Pond	1						Yes	Minor - bite & bruising	Bay pony bit and bruised a lady who was with her partner with a child in a pushchair. Pony suspected to be demanding food. Lady was very concerned about what would happen to the pony if ordered off. Agisters unable to be certain which pony and so no further action taken at this time.	FE
15	Report received on 29 July 2020		Hatchet Pond	1						Yes	Minor	Report received via FE (social media) A horse trampled my daughter at hatchetts pond. She was sat with her dad on the grass eating an icecream quite far away from the horse. We know not to feed them or touch them so keep away. The horse went up behind her and picked her up by her dress and flipped her over then bucked and trampled her and fell on top of her. Just wouldn't want another child to get hurt. Don't blame the horse at all.	FE
19	31 August 2020	2pm	Longdown Dump		1				1 dog	No	N/A	Wired haired terrier out of control attacking cattle. 15 various coloured cattle. Dog injured by fawny pale mum and calf, dog bit cows head and face. Dog bleeding from mouth.	
20	31 August 2020	Afternoon	Godshill Cricket Pitch	1							?	I spent yesterday afternoon picnicking at Godshill cricket ground with many other families present doing the same. As usual there were a few horses there but one in particular seemed to be acting quite territorial and trying hard to invade and eat fod which of course you can't blame them for. I understand they are pretty much wild animals and people don't really help the situation on many occasions. However yesterday, when the family tried to get up and move away, the young girl was kicked very hard in the face causing not only physical injury but I'm sure psychological too. I got up to try and help move the horse away and was also kicked. I'm not expecting anything to be done with the horse but I think the general awareness of the risks associated with coming near to the horses/donkeys is poor, particularly where food is involved and wondered if something more could be done as the situation. We have 2 much smaller children and I would hate to think of how much worse this could have been if the child was younger. I'm sorry if I haven't sent this to the correct department but would appreciate you putting me in touch with the relevant person to escalate.	
25	16 September 2020		Abbotswell	1		1			1 dog	N/A	N/A	Incident: A collie dog has been seen biting the donkeys, young foals and other dogs in the area. The gentleman who walks his dog here regularly was approached by the mop, who became aggressive and abusive. The mop has reported the incident to the police but is worried the dog may have injured the animals. Reported to NPA who forwarded it to FE who forwarded it to the Verderers.	FE
26	13 October 2020	MORNING	Gorley Common						3 dogs	N/A	N/A	Two reports from members of the public about an [REDACTED] man walking [REDACTED] collie dogs which are out of control attacking livestock and other dogs in the area. Man has no control over the dogs [REDACTED], he becomes aggressive when challenged. No one has taken his vehicle details.	HCC
27	22 November 2020	N/K	Rockford Common						1 Dog	NO	N/A	Man & friend riding horses across Rockford Common attacked by large black rottweiler cross, one of the horses kicked the dog in the head and it retreated. He demanded the Agister find and shoot the dog before it kills someone. I advised to report to the police on 101 and to the dog warden. NT informed.	NT

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1	25-Feb	14:15	Ashurst Camp site entrance	2						Yes	Very minor	2 black ponies blocking the gate into Ashurst Camp site one pony bit 8 yr old boy on the arm through his coat. Slight mark on arm skin not broken. Mother may decide to pursue a claim. Grandfather reported the incident	FE
2	21-Mar	16:00	Opp the Drift Inn Beaulieu Rd	1					1 Dog	Yes		Dog on lead bit pony. Owner of dog bitten as well whilst trying to get dog off pony. Pony caught and removed by Agister. Owner took home and ca led vet. Police informed.	FE
3	Reported on 30/3/21	18:00 on 22/3/21	Sway Rd nr jctn with Brookley Rd just before the Bank	1						Yes	Bruised arm	Lady was walking along the public footpath on Sway Road past a pony grazing some grass between a property fence and the footpath. Without warning or provocation the pony lunged at her and bit her on the arm. Over a week later she is still badly bruised and sore. Neighbours encouraged her to report it. Pony described as bay with no white markings. Lady was not carrying a bag or any food. She said an elderly gent also had problems with a pony in Rhinefield Road several months ago. That involved a bay pony with a blaze. That incident has not been formally reported.	?
4	Report'd on 31/3/21	10:30/11am 30/03/21	Longslade Bottom walking to Horseshoe Bottom	3					Dogs	No		Elderly staffy cross fatally injured by ponies. Owner says that three ponies attacked his dogs he says the attack was unprovoked and the dog was just sniffing around when the ponies struck. He is not sure of the colours but says there was a witness the dog was taken to the vet and had to be put to sleep. I phoned the witness who did not see the attack just heard a horrific scream from the dog he has a photograph of the three ponies he believes were involved in the attack 2 chestnuts & a grey one of the chestnuts was reported as being more aggressive than the other two. He is unable to share the photos with us by email but will come to the office or allow someone to come to his home [redacted] if required.	FE
5	2nd April Good Friday	Afternoon	Whitefield Moor towards Puttles Bridge / loos	1					Dogs	No	N/A	Reported to office by Agister. Whitefield Moor. Lady and daughter walking two dogs. Pony came out of bush and attacked loose dog. Lady had other dog on lead. Pony reared up and came down on dog twice. Young brown pony. ? Colt.	FE
6	07-Apr	Morning	Horseshoe Bottom	2					1 dog	No	N/A	Call from lady who reported seeing two not very large chestnut ponies with flaxen manes/tails attack an elderly retriever dog. One pony using front legs the other kicking. Dog owner chased ponies off. Dog had blood coming from its mouth. Taken to vet [redacted] Same ponies seen bothering other people. Reported to Head Agister. He spoke to witness and reported to local Agister.	FE
7	11-Apr		Nr Appleslade CP	Group						Yes	Unknown	A nasty pony kicking incident reported to Forestry England to be logged on their system. Reported to Verderers on 20th April. Briefly NPA Ranger saw a young girl (guess she was 8-10yo) with her sister and presumably their father near Appleslade car park standing in the middle of a small group of ponies. They were definitely petting the ponies and probably feeding them too because the Ranger could see a picnic bag. Just as the Ranger was thinking there was potential for it to turn nasty one of the ponies turned and double-barrelled the girl and she was knocked flying. Believed the aggression was aimed at another pony but she was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Girl was crying and clearly in a lot of pain but although the Ranger stopped the van and called out to see if she needed help their dad just pulled her away and they headed off. Very unfortunate and she must have been severely bruised but hopefully nothing more.	FE
8	15-Apr		Brockenhurst	1 of a group						Yes	See details in next column.	By email. I wanted to let you know that in Brockenhurst on Thursday the 15/04/2021 a free roaming pony kicked my daughter aged 9 on her back. Luckily nothing too bad happened: she was admitted to Paediatrics Emergency Department at Southampton Hospital and discharged the following day with a hematoma a bit of pain and the prescription of blood tests. However the kick was very strong. I am sure that had the pony struck [redacted] 6 years old sister [redacted] on the head or elsewhere she would have been severely injured if not killed. Note that to us the ponies did not look aggressive. We were just taking photos nearby and the kick was not easily foreseeable. I am writing to suggest you to place signs warning the public especially the tourists that free roaming ponies and cattle can be aggressive and dangerous. I strongly feel you should provide the public with more information on how (not) to deal with them. At [redacted] Hospital my wife was told that this kind of accident involving ponies is quite frequent in the New Forest. Apparently they have to treat children injured by ponies on a regular basis. We are afraid that if you fail to act tragedies might happen in the future.	?
10	24-Apr		Stoney Cross	1								Lady and family visited one of the Stoney Cross carparks on Saturday 24th April we set up a picnic area on the adjacent green area. At approx 17:30 a pony approached us and grabbed started to grab a carrier bag of fruit that was attached to m [redacted] [redacted] It then started to destroy our other belongings by biting and ripping them or stamping on them. Luckily a member of the public came to our rescue and we managed to put our belongings away before the pony ate anything that could of caused it harm. I live in [redacted] and know never to feed or touch the ponies but I have never seen a New Forest Pony behave like this. I wondered whether something else was causing this behaviour. I just worry that someone else would act differently. Photo of head of grey pony provided but not helpful in identifying the animal	FE
20	26-Jun		Wilverley Plain	1						No		Bay pony reportedly making a nuisance of himself - had to move several groups of picnickers on the plain into the Inclosure today because he was taking food. An elderly chap who should have known better was nearly bitten and double barrelled three times when he smacked the pony and grabbed its collar to move it. The pony stamped on a cake tin to get at the cake and ate it all so it's an experienced food thief. I think someone could get hurt soon. Agister informed the owner of the pony. No plans to remove it at present.	FE
27	29-Jul	19:30 approx	Hatchet Pond	1					1 dog	N/A		Dog killed by pony. Owner and family were walking between the Pond and the road when three ponies (2 adult and a foal) which had been an estimated 20 yards from the people ran behind them. The family's [redacted] Pug dog was some 10ft behind them and a grey pony deliberately stamped on the dog and killed it. The pony remained standing over the dog until the dog's owner chased it off. Dog's owner said he has lived in the area for 30 years and knows to avoid the stock. This sounds like a completely unprovoked incident on the part of the pony. Reported to Head Agister.	FE
28	02-Aug		Pitmore Lane Sway			Herd			1 dog	N/A		Head Agister was called this afternoon to Pitmore Lane Sway at about 4.40pm by a resident who reported a lurcher type dog chasing a herd of donkeys Jennys and foals and a Jack down the road from Shirley Holmes towards the Sway allotments. She said the dog was really going at the donkeys and trying to herd them up all at a gallop along the road. Agister arrived shortly after to find the donkeys alongside the allotments wandering quietly but a little bit wary. One Jenny had scratches on both knees and some blood on its flank. The others appeared OK. No sign of a dog. He went up to Shirley Holmes carpark and back but didn't see any lurcher type dogs. He rang the lady back who reported it and have rung and left a message for the owner of the Jenny.	FE
29	02-Aug	14:00 hrs	Opp Dibden Inc.	2					1 dog			2pm we witnessed a Alsatian type dog chasing two young calves. The man with the dog did not restrain his dog or try to put him back on his lease. This happened on the B3054 opposite the Dibden Enclosure [redacted] [redacted] Perhaps your rangers could keep an eye out and have a word.	FE
30	22-Aug	Morning	Longslade Bottom						1 dog			By email reported this to the police but this morning I witnessed the most appalling incident with a Saluki dog called [redacted] chasing and harrassing ponies at Longslade Bottom between about 6.30am and 7am. The owner had left the dog alone wandering about on the Bottom while [redacted] [redacted] The dog had run over to me on the other side of the hill when a group of ponies came trotting down from the other direction. The dog took off and chased them extensively up and down the hills herding another group with them until roughly 15 to 20 ponies were involved. The herd eventually stopped on the hill and a grey was trying to chase the dog off repeatedly. I was some distance by now having walked back to my car to call 101 (no answer). The owner made no attempt to actually retrieve the dog just whistling and calling which was utterly pointless. I watched for about 20 mins the dog was laying down rather like a border collie would everytime any pony tried to move off he'd start circling them again. When I drove down to the [redacted] and started obviously writing down [redacted] car registration and holding my phone up to my ear she started walking off down the hill presumably to try and recover the dog. The car registration is (supplied) [redacted] car I think it sat [redacted] on the back. The dog is called [redacted] and looked like a Saluki. I've never seen such an appalling and serious incident of harassment of the ponies. I have reported this on the 101 web form as I couldn't get through to them on the phone.	FE

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1	26 January 2022		Bolderwood						1 Dog			An off lead dog was chasing horses and causing great distress, is of use to you, please let me know and i will send across the details. I have video and a photo of the incident and the people involved. Unfortunately i do not know who the individuals are.	FE
6	26/07/22 ?		Roundhill CS	1								I m writing to complain about one of your horses on the site of Roundhill camp site in the New Forest. To put it short on the 26th 07 2022 one particular horse would not leave us alone. We do not feed them as we have been aware of this for many years that we had been going. However this horse kept nudging the side of our tent. We tried shoeing it away, but then it pushed harder when suddenly it rushed around to the front and forced it s head through and tearing our tent fly screen breaking the zip then tearing the bottom of our tent as well. It ransacked everything to find food and as a result of the damage it caused, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] As the horses are your property Before going through a small claims court I would like to know how you would be willing to settle this. ideally for a cost of a new tent. Mare ID'd by Campsite Warden. Mare removed whilst site is open.	FE (CITF)
7	27/07/22		Wilverley Plain	1						No		Via FE Reception. Bay pony raiding picnics. I have tried to call but the conversation was difficult. I would like to report a wild pony that is causing issues up at Wilverly Plain, it is a bay older gelding. We have witnessed it walking through people whilst sitting at Wilverly and rummaging through bags, it even got its leg stuck in a camping chair - one family allowed it to eat their picnic and it now seems to have a lump on the left side of its face (possibly something stuck?) It is becoming aggressive as it is scavaging, it kicked out at a buggy which thankfully didn't have the baby in it at the time. Sadly it has no fear! Just concerned for our elderly residents who can't move quick enough and obviously for the ponies welfare. Attached is a pic of the pony.	FE
8	01/08/22 morning		Wilverley Plain	1						No		Bay pony destroyed a picnic. Woman hit pony with childs bike but it didn't stop the pony! Other MOPs complained [REDACTED] struck the pony with a childs bike and possibly a shopping trolley. Reported to [REDACTED], Police, with request for advice as to what to do next.	FE
9	04/08/22 afternoon		Wilverley Plain	2						No		2 x bay geldings (not aggressive) trampling picnics looking for food. Witnessed (and chased off) by Verderers' Clerk	FE
10	05/08/2022	Morning	Ocknell CS	1						No		Pony trampling guy ropes on tents looking for a way in. Entered a tent this morning and destroyed most of the stuff inside looking for food. It is stealing any food it can get and generally being a big nuisance.	FE
11	06/08/22 reported on 08/08/22	Afternoon	Wilverley Plain	1						No		Pony, raiding picnics on Wilverley Plain. Kicked out at someone.	FE
12	18/08/22		Wilverley Plain	1						No		Bay gelding involved in an incident. Owner asked and agreed to remove.	FE
14	3 or 4 Sept 2022		Boltons Bench	1						Yes	Serious	Report via NFNPA - We've been told by several people that a child had to be taken to hospital by air ambulance over the weekend after an incident of some kind with a pony at Boltons Bench. Child reportedly kicked in the chest.	FE