

**From:** University of Illinois FOIA  
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**To:** BSM Partners  
**Subject:** FOIA Response (23-1388)

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November 14, 2023

*Via electronic mail*  
Brad Quest

Re: FOIA Request 23-1388

Dear Brad Quest:

I am responding to your request dated October 2, 2023, and received in my office on October 31, 2023, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in which you requested:

- “1. The veterinary cardiology service's annual overall new case numbers for each year between 2002 through 2019.
2. The veterinary cardiology service's annual new cases of DCM diagnosed for each year between 2002 through 2019.
3. Cardiology examination results including echocardiogram results for each case requested in #2 above. This particular request excludes all information for each case that is legally protected such as pet and pet owner identifying information.”

Information responsive to point 1 your request is available and attached. These are public records numbering 1 page. Information is only available as far back as 2018. This graph indicates the total number of registrations to the cardiology department for all visits not just new visits.

Your request for records for point 2 and 3 is unduly burdensome to the University (5 ILCS 140/3(g)) as more than 1,500 records were located. Those records would each need to be individually reviewed for responsiveness. Also, records are typically archived 7 years after their last point of contact or two years after their death; therefore, a manual search through microfilm would add another element of burden. Pursuant to Section 3(g), we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable. Common modifications include significantly narrowing the timeframe of your request.

Any narrowed request may be submitted to [foia@uillinois.edu](mailto:foia@uillinois.edu).

You have a right under the law to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at

877.299.3642, by email at [public.access@ilag.gov](mailto:public.access@ilag.gov) or by postal mail to Leah Bartelt, Public Access Counselor, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how to narrow the scope of your request, please contact me at 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Ruby  
Director, External Relations and  
Communications  
and Chief Records Officer