

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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**Elianora Baird**  
**via the FOI website**

Dear Elianora Baird,

regarding your Freedom of Information request titled "pussy" we collected the following information:

Pussy is a noun, an adjective, and in rare uses a verb in the English language. It has several meanings, including use as slang, as euphemism, and as vulgarity. Common meanings of the noun include "cat", as well as "coward or weakling", and "the human vulva or vagina", or as a synecdoche, "sexual intercourse with a woman". Because of its multiple senses including both innocent and vulgar connotations, "pussy" is often the subject of double entendre. The etymology of the word is not entirely clear. Several different senses of the word have different histories or origins.

Sincerely,

John Smith  
**FOI Manager**