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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on dog imports which we received on 17 January 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I would be very grateful if you could provide figures for:

1. Number of dogs commercially imported from Romania in each of the following years: 2019 and 2020 (broken down by year).
2. Number of dogs imported from Romania via the PETS scheme in each of those years (again broken down by year).
3. The same information for each of the other European countries.”

The information you have requested can be found in Appendix 1.

Please note the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) stopped recording the country of origin of compliant animals imported under the Pet Travel scheme in 2016.

I can confirm that the information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into TRACES by a third party.

TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) is a European Commission system employed by EU member states to facilitate and record animal/animal product movements into and throughout the EU. This data was extracted from TRACES.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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Wycliffe House
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