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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Zoos, which we received on 15 May 2021 . Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000].

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please can you provide me with an updated full list of the names of all Zoos in the UK. Under the classification of 'Zoos' I am including any place where a member of the public can visit or observe captive animals: zoological parks, centres or gardens; aquariums, oceanariums or aquatic attractions; wildlife centres; butterfly farms; petting farms or petting zoos.”

The information you have requested can be found in the attachment 'Zoo list'.

This is a list of all zoos in GB which are on our database. The list may not be 100% accurate as it is the responsibility of the Local Authorities to alert us to any changes.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) only hold information of collections in GB which fit the definition of a zoo within the meaning of the Act. The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 requires the inspection and licensing of all zoos in Great Britain - a zoo is defined as any establishment where animals of wild species are exhibited to the public. Section 1 makes clear that all zoos that are open to the public, with or without charge on seven or more days in a twelve-month period need a licence from their local authority to operate.

Northern Ireland has separate legislation: The Zoos Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003), we do not hold any details of NI zoos. This information would need to be requested from the NI government/Local Authorities who can be contacted here:

<http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

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An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below.

During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## Annex

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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