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Dear Redacted ,

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Index of Exempted Dogs**

Thank you for your request for information of 9 April 2023 about the Index of Exempted Dogs. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

1. *How many dogs were added to the Index of Exempted Dogs in (a) 2020 (b) 2021 and (c) 2022.*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of dogs added to the Index of Exempted Dogs</b>
2020	138
2021	128
2022	63

2. *As at today, how many dogs are currently on the Index of Exempted Dogs.*

The Index of Exempted Dogs is a live database. This means that the data changes on a regular basis as it is updated. As at 17 April 2023 there were 3,556 dogs registered on the Index of Exempted Dogs.

3. *Of the figure in (2) how many of these dogs are registered in (a) England (b) Wales and (c) Scotland.*

<b>England</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>Scotland</b>
3,408	137	11



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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex A**

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