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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Statistics on the Index of Exempted Dogs

Thank you for your request for information of 24 February 2020 about statistics on 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 detailed below.

1. *How many dogs were on the Index of Exempted Dogs as at 31st December 2018*
2. *Of the total in (1), how many were (a) Pit Bull Terrier types (b) Japanese Tosa types (c) Fila Brasileiro types and (d) Dogo Argentino types*
3. *How many dogs were on the Index of Exempted Dogs as at 31st December 2019*
4. *Of the total in (3), how many were (a) Pit Bull Terrier types (b) Japanese Tosa types (c) Fila Brasileiro types and (d) Dogo Argentino types*

We are able to provide the information you requested:

Exempted dogs as at 31 December 2018

Types	Number
<i>Dogo Argentino</i>	16
<i>Fila Brasileiro</i>	0
<i>Pit Bull Terrier</i>	3364
<i>Japanese Tosa</i>	2
Total	3382

Exempted dogs as at 31 December 2019

Types	Number
<i>Dogo Argentino</i>	21
<i>Fila Brasileiro</i>	0
<i>Pit Bull Terrier</i>	3535
<i>Japanese Tosa</i>	2
Total	3558

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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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