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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Exempted Dogs Index

Thank you for your request for information of 21 April 2021 about the exempted dogs index. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

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

Type	No.
Dogo Argentino	20
Fila Brasileiro	0
Japanese Tosa	3
Pit Bull Terrier	3639
Total	3662

2. *Of the figure in (1) how many do not have current third party liability insurance*

Information not held. Dog owners may have current third party liability insurance. There is an obligation to inform Defra, however, some owners do not.

3. *In each of the last five calendar years, how many dogs were removed from the Index of Exempted Dogs because you were notified they had died*

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dogo Argentino	0	0	1	0	2
Fila Brasileiro	0	0	0	0	0
Japanese Tosa	0	0	0	1	0
Pit Bull Terrier	184	86	87	120	105
Total	184	86	88	121	107

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

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Team

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Annex A

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