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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the Pet Travel Scheme which we received on 5 May 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

1. How many dogs/puppies entered the United Kingdom under the PETS in the years 2011 until 2016? Please specify by years.

The number of dogs entering the United Kingdom under the Pet Travel Scheme per year:

2011 = 85786
2012 = 139643
2013 = 152075

The number of dogs for 2014 and 2015 is available on GOV.UK via the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/531168/ATIC0873.pdf

As the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 FOIA.

2016 = 275876

2. Please specify the figures for each country?

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested in part 2 is not held by APHA. This is because we do

not record the country from where the animal has travelled from under the Pet Travel Scheme.

3. How many cases of infringement of the rules of the PETS has Defra investigated in each year since 2011? How many cases in London?

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested in part 3 is not held by APHA. This is because investigations would be carried out by Trading Standards.

4. How many cases of Leishmaniasis have been reported to Defra in each year since 2011? How many in London?

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested in part 4 is not held by APHA. This is because Leishmaniasis is not a notifiable disease, therefore any cases are not required to be reported to Defra.

5. How many cases of Leishmaniasis arising in dogs entering the country under PETS have been reported to Defra in each year since 2011? How many in London?

As above, the information requested in part 5 is not held by APHA. This is because Leishmaniasis is not a notifiable disease, therefore any cases are not required to be reported to Defra.

6. How many investigations has Defra carried out into infractions of PETS since 2011? How many in London?

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested in part 6 is not held by APHA. This is because investigations would be carried out by Trading Standards.

7. How many cases of trafficked puppies have been reported to Defra in each year since 2011? How many in London?

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested in part 7 is not held by APHA. This is because APHA do not record whether 'trafficking' has taken place, but instead class this as an 'illegal landing'.

Our definition of an illegal landing is any dog, cat or ferret that has landed in Great Britain which does not meet the import requirements and therefore requires quarantine under the Rabies Importation Order.

Please see the attached link from a previous FOI request regarding illegally landed puppies in Great Britain (GB), which contains a more detailed explanation of 'illegal landings' and may be useful to you.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/587816/ATIC1009.pdf

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Yours sincerely

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