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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports which we received on 27 November 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“How many dogs were illegally imported into the UK in 2016? Please list the date seized and breed of dog for each case.”

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. For your FOI request, APHA holds records for Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) only.

Information for Northern Ireland should be requested from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

The number of ‘illegally landed’ dogs imported into Great Britain in 2016 was 890.

The definition of ‘illegally landed’ does not necessarily mean the animal was smuggled into Great Britain (GB). 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. While these figures may include some smuggled animals, and it also includes:

- pet animals that arrive at GB airports, and during the pets check are found to be non-compliant for some reason
- animals that are found ‘inland’, and after a trading standards investigation are found to be non-compliant

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, the information that you have requested relating to date seized and species is not held by APHA. This is because APHA do not record the breed of dog, and only have the date the animal entered quarantine.

Please see Appendix 1 for a breakdown of the number of 'illegally landed' dogs that entered quarantine during 2016.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

I attach an Annex 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 or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

Email: enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Annex

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If you wish to request an internal review, please contact: The Access to Information Team at enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk or at the postal address at the top of this letter, who will arrange for an internal review of your case.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

APPENDIX 1

Sum of dogs quarantined as illegal landings in 2016

Date animal entered quarantine	Total
05/01/2016	1
06/01/2016	5
08/01/2016	4
09/01/2016	3
12/01/2016	12
13/01/2016	1
14/01/2016	3
15/01/2016	3
16/01/2016	15
20/01/2016	2
21/01/2016	3
22/01/2016	9
25/01/2016	5
26/01/2016	1
27/01/2016	1
29/01/2016	1
30/01/2016	1
01/02/2016	2
02/02/2016	3

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03/02/2016	2
04/02/2016	2
05/02/2016	4
07/02/2016	14
08/02/2016	9
10/02/2016	11
12/02/2016	1
13/02/2016	16
15/02/2016	5
17/02/2016	1
18/02/2016	2
19/02/2016	3
24/02/2016	3
25/02/2016	11
26/02/2016	2
01/03/2016	5
02/03/2016	1
04/03/2016	4
05/03/2016	1
06/03/2016	1
07/03/2016	2

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08/03/2016	15
09/03/2016	1
10/03/2016	1
11/03/2016	3
12/03/2016	1
14/03/2016	1
15/03/2016	1
17/03/2016	1
18/03/2016	1
20/03/2016	2
22/03/2016	2
23/03/2016	6
24/03/2016	5
25/03/2016	5
26/03/2016	3
29/03/2016	1
30/03/2016	2
31/03/2016	13
03/04/2016	3
05/04/2016	1
06/04/2016	7

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08/04/2016	2
09/04/2016	1
11/04/2016	2
12/04/2016	2
13/04/2016	7
14/04/2016	3
15/04/2016	2
16/04/2016	4
19/04/2016	2
20/04/2016	1
22/04/2016	5
23/04/2016	21
24/04/2016	7
25/04/2016	3
26/04/2016	7
28/04/2016	6
30/04/2016	11
03/05/2016	6
04/05/2016	1
05/05/2016	2
06/05/2016	3

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08/05/2016	2
10/05/2016	3
12/05/2016	1
13/05/2016	10
15/05/2016	2
18/05/2016	3
19/05/2016	9
21/05/2016	1
22/05/2016	1
23/05/2016	16
24/05/2016	7
25/05/2016	1
26/05/2016	2
27/05/2016	3
28/05/2016	8
01/06/2016	10
03/06/2016	2
06/06/2016	2
07/06/2016	1
08/06/2016	5
09/06/2016	1

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13/06/2016	1
14/06/2016	1
15/06/2016	1
17/06/2016	1
19/06/2016	1
21/06/2016	8
23/06/2016	1
28/06/2016	1
29/06/2016	1
01/07/2016	3
04/07/2016	1
05/07/2016	1
06/07/2016	1
09/07/2016	4
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20/07/2016	3
21/07/2016	2
22/07/2016	4
23/07/2016	1
26/07/2016	3
27/07/2016	2
28/07/2016	2
30/07/2016	3
02/08/2016	1
03/08/2016	14
07/08/2016	3
09/08/2016	1
13/08/2016	2
14/08/2016	3
16/08/2016	2
18/08/2016	1
19/08/2016	1
20/08/2016	1
21/08/2016	1
23/08/2016	1
24/08/2016	4

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25/08/2016	3
26/08/2016	1
27/08/2016	2
30/08/2016	5
01/09/2016	11
02/09/2016	2
05/09/2016	2
07/09/2016	2
08/09/2016	4
09/09/2016	1
12/09/2016	1
14/09/2016	3
15/09/2016	1
16/09/2016	1
19/09/2016	5
20/09/2016	1
21/09/2016	4
22/09/2016	6
23/09/2016	4
27/09/2016	2
28/09/2016	4

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29/09/2016	1
30/09/2016	2
04/10/2016	3
05/10/2016	1
06/10/2016	1
08/10/2016	2
12/10/2016	1
13/10/2016	2
14/10/2016	37
19/10/2016	2
21/10/2016	5
24/10/2016	1
25/10/2016	4
26/10/2016	1
29/10/2016	6
31/10/2016	2
01/11/2016	6
02/11/2016	3
03/11/2016	2
04/11/2016	1
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10/11/2016	2
11/11/2016	3
13/11/2016	1
14/11/2016	3
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18/11/2016	8
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22/11/2016	17
23/11/2016	4
24/11/2016	1
25/11/2016	7
26/11/2016	4
28/11/2016	6
01/12/2016	5
02/12/2016	14
03/12/2016	14

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05/12/2016	2
06/12/2016	14
07/12/2016	1
08/12/2016	1
09/12/2016	12
10/12/2016	1
13/12/2016	1
14/12/2016	9
16/12/2016	3
17/12/2016	8
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21/12/2016	3
23/12/2016	4
24/12/2016	1
29/12/2016	9
30/12/2016	4
31/12/2016	2
Grand Total	890