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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2015 requesting the following information:

- “1) How many qualified veterinary surgeons are there in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps?*
- 2) Please provide a breakdown of these vets by rank e.g. six lieutenants, five captains, etc etc*
- 3) What rank does the highest ranking qualified veterinary surgeon in the RAVC hold?*
- 4) How many qualified veterinary surgeons are there in the RAF?*
- 5) Please provide a breakdown of these RAF vets by rank (as above in question two)*
- 6) What rank does the highest ranking qualified veterinary surgeon in the RAF hold?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. Please see below the input to your request.

As at **1 February 2015** there were **30** qualified veterinary surgeons in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps (RAVC).

Qualified Veterinary Surgeons in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps¹ as at 1 Feb 2015

Rank	Number of Personnel
All Ranks	30
Colonel	5
Lieutenant Colonel	5
Major	10
Captain	10

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes:

1. The figures are for Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves Army Reserve and all other Reserves.
2. The data have been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

The highest ranking qualified veterinary surgeon in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps (RAVC) is a **Colonel** (which is equivalent to NATO rank **OF-5**)

The Royal Air Force does not employ veterinary surgeons.

As there are no veterinary surgeons in the RAF we therefore are unable to provide the additional details requested in Question 5 and 6.

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Yours sincerely,

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