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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports which we received on 8 January 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please may I receive the number of dogs imported from the Republic of Ireland (or elsewhere) from January 2013 to December 2017 to Little Rascals Ltd, The Clays, Brant Broughton, Lincoln, Lincs LN5 0RW and The Dairies, The Clays, Brant Broughton, Lincoln, Lincs LN5 0RW.

Please could you provide individual dates and numbers please?

Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has access to UK statistical data from the EU Commission’s Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) system, for commercial imports and exports. The information extracted from here is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. APHA cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into TRACES by a third party.

Please table 1 below regarding consignments of dogs imported with a destination of Little Rascals Ltd.

There were no records of imports prior to 2 December 2014, or after 10 October 2015. There we no records of imports from countries other than the Republic of Ireland.

**Table 1**

Date	Number of dogs	Country of origin
02/12/2014	59	Republic of Ireland
04/12/2014	14	Republic of Ireland
05/02/2015	33	Republic of Ireland
05/03/2015	3	Republic of Ireland
05/03/2015	47	Republic of Ireland
31/03/2015	11	Republic of Ireland
02/05/2015	17	Republic of Ireland
02/05/2015	33	Republic of Ireland
23/05/2015	28	Republic of Ireland
18/06/2015	8	Republic of Ireland
18/06/2015	39	Republic of Ireland
30/07/2015	42	Republic of Ireland
09/09/2015	41	Republic of Ireland
10/10/2015	24	Republic of Ireland

In addition may I receive details of the number of puppies/dogs exported from Little Rascals to any country in the world please (as they now offer export facilities for those interested in purchasing puppies).”

APHA have a record of one dog being exported from Little Rascals Ltd, The Clays, Brant Broughton, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN5 0RW during the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

APHA’s data retention period for export certification is two years so we no longer hold any records for export consignments carried out during the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015. Therefore for the purpose of the FOIA the information for this period is not held.

Information disclosed in response to 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**

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