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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports which we received on 21 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 can you advise the total number of dogs imported by Dogs Trust between 01/01/17 and 31/12/17 and if possible, indicate the country of origin. (If imports have originated from multiple countries, please can you provide totals per country and specify the country of origin).”

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.

In 2017 The Dogs Trust imported a total of 1750 dogs in 227 consignments. All of the consignments originated in the Republic of Ireland.

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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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