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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: NUMBERS OF PROHIBITED TYPE DOGS ON EXEMPTED INDEX AND NUMBERS OF LICENSES ISSUED UNDER DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS ACT 1976

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 20 January 2015 in which you requested details of numbers of dogs on the exempted prohibited dogs index as well as the numbers of licences issued under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I apologise for the delay in responding; we are currently experiencing a high volume of requests for information.

You specifically asked the following:

- 1. The number of dangerous dogs on the dangerous dog register held at DEFRA, broken down by region and by type (and by type in each region).*
- 2. The number of the animals licenced under in the UK under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act, as broken down by Family and by local authority. I would also like details of the number of Felidae family held on the register broken down by species and local authority (i.e. the number of tigers, leopards etc by local authority). I have attached below details of the "kinds of dangerous wild animal" under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, which details the families covered by the act.*

I enclose a copy of the information you requested at 1. Please note that this information is broken down to county/metropolitan area rather than by region as a region is not a defined area.

I am writing to advise you that the information that you have requested at 2 is not held by Defra. Such information is likely to be held by each local authority, who are responsible for enforcing the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together



with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex A

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