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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the import of dogs from the Republic of Ireland, which we received on 18 December 2015. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I now request further information of the dogs sent and arriving from (AHAR) the same premises Allsorts Dog Rescue from 06/08/2015 to date?”

Please see [Appendix 1 attached for the information from 6 August to 18 December 2015 \(date of the request\)](#).

Non FOI related questions:

1. “Do you receive the ITAHC through TRACES immediately on the same date as dogs travel or is there a delay?”

[The ITAHC is received the day before travel or the same day. There is not a delay.](#)

2. Does a copy of the ITAHC accompany the consignment of dogs and is given to Allsorts?

[It is a legal requirement that the ITAHC accompanies the animal/s, however APHA do not carry out post import checks on dogs from Republic of Ireland therefore this cannot be confirm.](#)

3. Is the local AHPA office automatically notified by yourselves of the arrival of dogs?”

[Yes](#)

4. Just a question can I presume the name on the paperwork of the original details of rescue dogs sent from AHAR to Allsorts (the ones you did not associate with/as AHAR were in the name of the founder of the rescue AHAR - Suzanne Gibbons sometimes signs with Fitzgibbons? The name of the recipient rescue Allsorts Dogs Rescue is Gail Burgess sometimes uses the name Gail Halls.”

That is correct

Information in Appendix 1 has been redacted under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 40(2) refers to other people’s personal information. Some of the information contained within the requested documents has been withheld under section 40(2) (third party personal data) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. Section 40(2) of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute ‘fair’ processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA.

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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Annex

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