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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports which we received on 27 May 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please could you give me the number of dogs that have been imported into the UK between January 2014 and May 2016.

Could you please tell me how many have been imported under the PETS scheme and how many have been imported under TRACES in that time frame?

In addition if it was possible to have the figures by country of origin, could I please have the number of dogs imported from Hungary, from Romania, from Bulgaria and from the European Union between January 2014 and March 2016.”

[For dogs imported into the United Kingdom under TRACES please see Appendix 1.](#)

[For dogs imported into the United Kingdom under the PETS Scheme please see Appendix 2.](#)

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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APPENDIX 1

Number of dogs imported into the UK under TRACES:

Year	EU		Third Country	
	Dogs	Mixed dogs/cats	Dogs	Mixed dogs/cats
2014	24487	179	1912	108
2015	25803	192	2432	175
up to 27 May 2016	11744	7	1170	97

Dogs imported to the United Kingdom from Romania under TRACES:

Year	Dogs	Mixed cats/dogs
2014	3616	140
2015	8113	42
up to 27 May 2016	4384	0

Dogs imported to the United Kingdom from Hungary under TRACES:

Year	Dogs	Mixed cats/dogs
2014	1662	2
2015	1937	10
up to 27 May 2016	632	3

Dogs imported to the United Kingdom from Bulgaria under TRACES:

Year	Dogs	Mixed cats/dogs
2014	245	32
2015	235	117
up to 27 May 2016	146	0

This data has been extracted from Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) through the data warehouse facility by searching for imports of canis familiaris from Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary. These figures cover all commercially imported dogs including commercial puppies, rescue dogs, research dogs and unaccompanied pets.

The information that we have provided 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 and the pets database by a third party.

APPENDIX 2

Number of dogs imported in the United Kingdom under the Pet Travel Scheme:

Year	Dogs
2014	155510
2015	246252
up to 30 April 2016	70325

Dogs imported to the United Kingdom from Romania under Pet Travel Scheme:

Year	Dogs
2014	2121
2015	Not held
up to 30 April 2016	Not held

Dogs imported to the United Kingdom from Hungary under Pet Travel Scheme:

Year	Dogs
2014	2976
2015	Not held
up to 30 April 2016	Not held

Dogs imported to the United Kingdom from Bulgaria under Pet Travel Scheme:

Year	Dogs
2014	363
2015	Not held
up to 30 April 2016	Not held

Dogs imported to the United Kingdom from the EU under Pet Travel Scheme:

Year	Dogs
2014	150027
2015	Not held
up to 30 April 2016	Not held

A new system of recording pet's throughput was introduced in 2015. The new system does not record the country of origin so APHA are not able to provide anything other than the total number of pets that was imported into the United Kingdom from January 2015 onwards. Therefore the information requested for 2015 and 2016 for the specific countries is not held by APHA.