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{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC0879

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about rescue dogs, which we received on 15 June 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“With reference to my previous request that I thank you for, ref ATIC0673 regarding the importation of dogs from Republic of Ireland to the above rescue. I am in receipt of the numbers and date of dogs from 01.01.2015 until 10.08.2015. Please may I now request the following?

EU Intra Trade Certificates (ITAHC) - TRACES system.

Can you please confirm the number of rescue dogs at each notification/inspection and dates of inspection from Suzanne Gibbons, AHAR Animal Heaven Animal Rescue, Crag, Castleisland, Kerry, ROI to Allsorts Dog Rescue, Clappers Lane, Poynings, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9NJ? They maybe as before listed under both names Suzanne Gibbons and AHAR. From 10.08 2015 to date (either todays date or nearest date to when reply is sent to me please).

You submitted a similar request for the same information on 18 December 2015 and a response was given on 8 January 2016 (our reference ATIC0771). Under Section 14(2) of the Act, a public authority does not have to comply with a request which is identical, or substantially similar to a previous request submitted by the same individual. Therefore APHA will not be responding to the information requested from 10 August 2015 to 18 December 2015. Please refer to our previous response.

Please see Appendix 1 for the information requested regarding the number of dogs imported from Animal Heaven Animal Rescue (AHAR) to Allsorts Dog Rescue from 19 December 2015 to 15 June 2016 (date of the request).

As explained in our previous response, ATIC0673, it is not Defra policy to carry out post-import checks on Irish dogs based on their low risk for the introduction of *Echinococcus multilocularis* and this is based on Regulation (EU) 1152/2011.

In addition may I request details numbers and dates of all dogs (seperate from above details) from 01.01.2012 to date, that Allsorts Dog Rescue have received from the ROI? These could be from GSPCA or others based in the ROI?

APHA's retention period for import data is set at three years. Data for the calendar year 2012 is no longer held. Please see Appendix 2 for the information requested for the calendar years 2013 to 15 June 2016.

Since 2012 the total number of dogs compliant and none compliant and if any action taken by yourselves or Trading Standards against any rescue or dog breeder sending/receiving none compliant dogs to/from the UK from ROI?

APHA's retention period for import data is set at three years. Data for the calendar year 2012 is no longer held. Please see Appendix 3 for the information requested for the calendar years 2013 to 31 May 2016. This information is up to 31 May 2016 because import returns are centrally collated from APHA's regional offices on a monthly basis.

Were all the dogs transported in accordance with the Welfare of Animals (Transport) order 2006?"

This data is not recorded by APHA as part of the post import checks carried out at premises of destination, so APHA are unable to confirm if all the dogs were transported in accordance with:

- the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006,
- the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Scotland) Regulations 2006,
- the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Wales) Order 2007.

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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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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

**Appendix 1 - EU Intra-trade Certificates regarding dogs imported from Animal Heaven Animal Rescue to Allsorts Dog Rescue**

<b>Date of Import</b>	<b>Number of Dogs Imported</b>
23/12/2015	17
20/01/2016	1
20/01/2016	25
20/01/2016	1
11/02/2016	12
24/02/2016	36
10/03/2016	24
24/03/2016	9
31/03/2016	19
14/04/2016	15
14/04/2016	1
21/04/2016	13
05/05/2016	15
19/05/2016	16
09/06/2016	13

**Appendix 2 – EU Intra-trade Certificates regarding imported dogs from the Republic of Ireland to Allsorts Dog Rescue, excluding those from Animal Heaven Animal Rescue**

<b>Date of Import</b>	<b>Number of Dogs Imported</b>
15/02/2015	7
07/05/2015	5
07/05/2015	12
15/07/2015	3
22/07/2015	10
19/08/2015	5
19/08/2015	7
04/09/2015	6
24/09/2015	7
07/10/2015	7
24/10/2015	2
14/11/2015	3
18/11/2015	3
03/12/2015	7
23/12/2015	6
07/01/2016	5
21/01/2016	8
11/02/2016	6
24/02/2016	1
17/03/2016	4
24/03/2016	5
25/03/2016	4

Please note APHA have no record of Allsorts Dog Rescue receiving any import consignments of dogs from Ireland for the years 2013 or 2014.

### Appendix 3 - Total number of imported dogs, compliant and none compliant, from the Republic of Ireland to the United Kingdom

Year	Total Number of Consignments	Total number of Animals	Number of Compliant Consignments	Number of Animals in Compliant Consignments	Number of Non-compliant Consignments	Number of Animals in non-compliant Consignments
2013	4	30	3	10	1	20
2014	169	1517	144	1302	25	215
2015	2554	8031	2022	6520	532	1511
2016 (1 January – 31 May)	1308	3786	1143	3249	165	537
<b>Total</b>	<b>4035</b>	<b>13364</b>	<b>3312</b>	<b>11081</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>2283</b>

Actions taken on non-compliant consignments by the Animal and Plant Agency include:

- providing information on non-compliant consignments to the appropriate Local Authority
- providing verbal advice to the importer
- providing written advice to the importer
- the serving of notices under:
  - the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011,
  - the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (as amended),
  - the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011.

Where information has been provided on non-compliant consignments to the Local Authority, no further information is held by the Animal and Plant Health Agency on any actions that have been taken by the Local Authority so it is not possible to provide any additional information for this part of the request.