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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about canine leptospirosis serovar prevalence data which we received on 17 February 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“The information we are looking for is prevalence data for any cases of canine leptospirosis cases which have been diagnosed by yourselves (or indeed any cases which have been notified to you) and which serovars they are.

Data for the last two to three years would be most helpful, if available.”

Please see attached at Appendices 1 and 2 prevalence data for cases of canine leptospirosis which have been diagnosed by APHA from 2013 to 2016. Appendix 2 is the raw data and Appendix 1 is a summary.

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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Appendix 1 - Summary

2016

In 2016, thus far, there have been 483 canine sera submissions for leptospirosis MAT testing with significant 91 positive results. Significant positive serovar results include *L.canicola*, *L.icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L.copenhageni* and *L.bratislava*. The leptospirosis 6 pool multiscreen test for 19 serovars including those already mentioned had 138 submissions with 21% of these positive.

L.canicola had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 16% of 132 submissions.

L.icterohaemorrhagiae had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 17% of 53 submissions.

L.copenhagenii had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 48% of 23 submissions.

L.bratislava had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 31% of 39 submissions.

2015

In 2015, from a total number of 2758 canine submissions for leptospirosis MAT testing there were 345 results deemed positive. For the 19 serovar 6 pool multiscreen leptospirosis test there were 143 positives from 654 submissions (22%).

L.canicola had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 9% of 933 submissions.

L.icterohaemorrhagiae had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 9% of 314 submissions.

L.copenhagenii had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 34% of 71 submissions.

L.bratislava had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 16% of 246 submissions.

L.grippotyphosa had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 8% of 176 submissions.

2014

In 2014, from 2326 total canine submissions for leptospirosis MAT testing there were 305 significant positive results. For the 19 serovar 6 pool multiscreen leptospirosis test there were 150 positives from 776 submissions (19%).

L.canicola had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 13% of 974 submissions.

L.icterohaemorrhagiae had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 7% of 233 submissions.

L.bratislava had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 13% of 84 submissions.

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2013

In 2013, from a total number of 3514 submissions there were 595 significant positive results. The 19 serovar 6 pool multiscreen leptospirosis test had 145 positive results from 682 submissions (21%).

L.canicola had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 17% of 2391 submissions.

L.icterohaemorrhagiae had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 8% of 248 submissions.

L.bratislava had results positive at $\geq 1/100$ titre in 12% of 49 submissions.