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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about AA Dog Rescue which we received on 24 April 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please may I receive by return the dates of each consignment and numbers of dogs in each in each consignment entered into TRACES from Spain, Romania and elsewhere if applicable over the past 3 years to AA Dog Rescue, Oldfield Lodge Farm, Burnham Road, Latchingdon, Maldon Essex CM3 6EZ. In the name of AA Dog Rescue or maybe in the name of the owner [REDACTED], [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Please indicate on each date/number the country the dogs were imported from.

Can you confirm please that the transport used by AA Dog Rescue (sign written on their vehicle) and Pet Kudos used for collecting rescue dogs from Spain and Romania driven by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (not certain about [REDACTED]) both have Authorisation 2 under the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 2006 as required under Balai EU Regulations 92/65/EEC?”

APHA has access to UK wide statistical data from the EU Commission’s Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) Data Warehouse reporting tool.

APHA are only able to search for imports to a specific destination using the quick view function in TRACES, which provides data for a rolling 24 month period.

Please see Appendix 1 for the quick view data which covers all imports of dogs to the address specified, between 23 April 2015 to 24 April 2017 (date of your request).

**Please note:** Information that we have provided here from the TRACES system 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 by a third party.

To search for information prior to this period (the remainder of your request) we would have to interrogate each individual dog import to establish whether the import involved was AA Dog Rescue.

In any one year there is an average of 30,000 consignments of dogs imported. Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows us to refuse a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which currently stands at £600, and equates to 24 hours of staff time. On the basis of our estimates, we consider answering this part of your request would exceed this limit and, as such, we are refusing your request.

Section 16 of the FOIA states APHA should provide reasonable advice and assistance to anyone requesting information. In accordance with Section 16 we have provide some of the information requested in Appendix 1. In addition, if you are particularly interested in the remaining period you may wish to consider narrowing down that part of the request to focus more clearly on the precise information you are seeking. You could, for example:

- Request a considerably shorter time period

If you were to make a new request for a narrower category of information, it may be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although we cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

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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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