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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Many Tears Animal Rescue which we received on 9 May 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 request the numbers of dogs in each consignment into the UK from the Republic of Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Bosnia and Romania from the 11.11.2016 to date 09.05.2017 (inclusive of the dates), to Many Tears Animal Rescue, Cwmlogic House, Cefneithin, Llaneli, Carmarthenshire, Wales SA14 7HB.

Can you please indicate the date of import?

The number of dogs on each consignment?

Can you also indicate on each consignment the country that the dogs were imported into the UK from to Many Tears?

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

Please see [Appendix 1](#) for the quick view data from TRACES which covers all imports of dogs to Many Tears Animal Rescue, between 11 November 2016 and 9 May 2017 (date of your request).

Can you indicate if any dogs were received at Many Tears from [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (sometimes uses the surname [REDACTED]) of Kilduff, Redhills, Co Cavan ROI during the above dates?

Number of dogs imported into the UK from Kilduff, between 11 November 2016 and 9 May 2017 (date of your request) is:

Import date	Number of Animals	Importer
03/05/2017	7	Many Tears Animal Rescue

Can you indicate the numbers of dogs imported into the UK to Many Tears from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], of Corfeehone, Poles, Co Cavan ROI during the above dates?

No consignments of dogs were imported to Many Tears Animal Rescue from Corfeehone, Poles, Co. Cavan between 11 November 2016 and 9 May 2017 (date of your request).

Can you indicate the numbers of dogs imported into the UK to Many Tears from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Pallas, Gorey, Co Wexford ROI during the above dates or in the past 3 years?

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.

Number of dogs imported to Many Tears Animal Rescue from Pallas, Gorey, Co Wexford, in the last rolling 24 month period is:

Import date	Number of Animals
28/02/2017	21

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 Many Tears Animal 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 provided 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 specific date

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.

Can you indicate the numbers of dogs imported into any premises in the UK in the name of [REDACTED] Kennels, Rathcahil, Newcastle West, Co Limerick ROI or [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the owner of the kennels at the same address in the past three years? Dates and numbers of dogs required.

Can you indicate separately if any dogs exported by the above [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] [REDACTED]) were destined for Many Tears Animal Rescue during the past 3 years?"

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

Number of dogs imported to the UK from Newcastle West, Co Limerick, in the last rolling 24 month period is attached in Appendix 2.

None of the consignments on the attached appendix were imported to Many Tears Animal Rescue.

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 the named entity. We have therefore refused this part of your request under section 12 of the FOIA. Details on the application of this exemption are the same as above.

**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

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

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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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

**Appendix 1- Number of dogs imported to Many Tears Animal Rescue, between 11 November 2016 and 9 May 2017, from Republic of Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Bosnia and Romania**

Country of origin	Date	Number of Consignments	Number of Animals
Ireland	16/11/2016	1	16
Ireland	29/11/2016	1	5
Ireland	29/11/2016	1	5
Ireland	16/12/2016	1	31
Ireland	20/12/2016	1	57
Ireland	20/12/2016	1	7
Ireland	04/01/2017	1	10
Ireland	09/01/2017	1	7
Ireland	10/01/2017	1	19
Ireland	10/01/2017	1	4
Ireland	10/01/2017	1	17
Ireland	11/01/2017	1	36
Ireland	19/01/2017	1	15
Ireland	07/02/2017	1	42
Ireland	09/02/2017	1	12
Ireland	09/02/2017	1	1
Ireland	22/02/2017	1	19
Ireland	22/02/2017	1	6
Ireland	28/02/2017	1	5
Ireland	28/02/2017	1	12
Ireland	28/02/2017	1	21
Ireland	28/02/2017	1	6
Ireland	03/03/2017	1	12
Ireland	14/03/2017	1	38
Ireland	22/03/2017	1	5
Ireland	22/03/2017	1	27
Ireland	29/03/2017	1	5
Ireland	11/04/2017	1	40
Ireland	11/04/2017	1	3
Ireland	11/04/2017	1	10
Ireland	03/05/2017	1	6
Ireland	03/05/2017	1	30
Ireland	03/05/2017	1	7

**Appendix 2- Number of dogs imported to the UK from Newcastle West, Co Limerick, in the last rolling 24 month period**

<b>Date of Import</b>	<b>Number of Consignments</b>	<b>Number of Animals</b>
02/05/2015	1	1
02/05/2015	1	1
02/05/2015	1	1
02/05/2015	1	1
02/05/2015	1	1
02/05/2015	1	1
02/05/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	1
19/06/2015	1	2
19/06/2015	1	1
07/07/2015	1	1
17/07/2015	1	1
17/07/2015	1	1
17/07/2015	1	1
31/07/2015	1	1
31/07/2015	1	1
31/07/2015	1	1
31/07/2015	1	1
14/08/2015	1	1
14/08/2015	1	1
14/08/2015	1	1
14/08/2015	1	1
26/08/2015	1	1
26/08/2015	1	1
26/08/2015	1	1
11/09/2015	1	1
11/09/2015	1	1
11/09/2015	1	1
11/09/2015	1	1
11/09/2015	1	1
11/09/2015	1	1
11/09/2015	1	1
15/09/2015	1	1
15/09/2015	1	1
29/09/2015	1	1
29/09/2015	1	2

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29/09/2015	1	1
04/11/2015	1	1
04/11/2015	1	1
04/11/2015	1	1
04/11/2015	1	1
04/11/2015	1	1
04/11/2015	1	1
11/11/2015	1	2
11/11/2015	1	1
11/11/2015	1	1
11/11/2015	1	1
11/11/2015	1	1
25/11/2015	1	1
25/11/2015	1	1
25/11/2015	1	1
25/11/2015	1	1
25/11/2015	1	1
25/11/2015	1	1
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11/12/2015	1	1
11/12/2015	1	1
11/12/2015	1	1
11/12/2015	1	1
11/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	2
18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
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18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
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18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
18/12/2015	1	1
15/01/2016	1	1
15/01/2016	1	1
15/01/2016	1	2
29/01/2016	1	1
29/01/2016	1	1
29/01/2016	1	1









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<b>Date of Import</b>	<b>Number of Consignments</b>	<b>Number of Animals</b>
14/10/2016	1	1
14/10/2016	1	1
28/10/2016	1	1
28/10/2016	1	1
28/10/2016	1	1
28/10/2016	1	1
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02/12/2016	1	1
02/12/2016	1	1
14/12/2016	1	1
14/12/2016	1	1
14/12/2016	1	1
21/12/2016	1	2
21/12/2016	1	1
21/12/2016	1	1
21/12/2016	1	1





