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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports which we received on 23 June 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The clarified information you requested and our response is detailed below:

APHA has access to UK statistical data from the EU Commission's Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) system, for commercial imports and exports. The information extracted from here 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.

The data for commercial dog imports was extracted from TRACES through the data warehouse facility by searching for imports of *canis familiaris*. These figures cover all commercially imported dogs including commercial puppies, rescue dogs, research dogs and unaccompanied pets. In some cases imports were recorded on TRACES as "*Canis familiaris/Felis catus*", so we could not tell if these were cat or dog imports. These are included separately entitled "Mixed dogs/cats".

1. "Number of dogs being brought into the UK under TRACES from Romania for 2016.

Dogs = 11659

Mixed dogs/cats = nil

2. Number of dogs being brought into to the UK under TRACES from Cyprus (Northern and Southern) for 2010 to 2016.

Dogs imported into UK from Cyprus (EU):

Year	Dogs	Mixed Dogs/cats
2010	nil	nil
2011	nil	nil
2012	nil	nil
2013	nil	nil
2014	48	nil
2015	2303	2
2016	2721	nil

There were no dogs and mixed dogs/cats imported into the UK from Northern Cyprus (Turkish, Republic of).

3. Number of dogs being brought into to the UK under TRACES from Bulgaria for 2010 to 2013, and 2016.

There were no dogs and mixed dogs/cats imported into the UK from Bulgaria between 2010 and 2013.

Year	Dogs	Mixed Dogs/cats
2016	389	nil

4. Number of dogs being brought into to the UK under TRACES from Spain for 2010 to 2016.”

Year	Dogs	Mixed Dogs/cats
2010	34	nil
2011	9	nil
2012	50	nil
2013	113	nil
2014	16178	3
2015	2525	14
2016	3367	4

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Yours sincerely

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