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{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC1250

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Dear [Redacted]

**PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 29 January 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please could you tell me how many dogs, cats, and other species were imported into the UK in 2014,2015, 2016 and - if you have the figures, though appreciate all the data may not be in yet - 2017 as well please. It would be useful to know also how many of these were unique animals.”

Clarity was sought on the type of import and exact species you required:

“I am referring to dogs, cats and other species under the Pet Travel scheme and dogs and cats (only) under the Balai directive”

**Pet Travel Scheme (PTS)**

The PTS applies to dogs, cats and ferrets only. Please the table below giving the figures requested. Where there is a blank, this information is already publically available via the link provided below. As this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 FOIA.

	Cats	Dogs	Ferrets
2014	15074		69
2015	14496		90
2016	24145		129
2017	26480	287016	765

The data regarding the Pet Travel Scheme is based on information provided by checkers employed by approved carriers of pet animals. There was an increase in movements

between 2015 and 2016 which coincided with APHA piloting a parallel system in 2015 to establish the quality of the submitted data available from the Pets Database. This parallel system involved a new method of collecting data which is more accurate.

### **Commercial/Balai directive**

Please the table below giving the figures requested. Where there is a blank, this information is already publically available via the link provided below. As this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 FOIA.

	Dogs	Cats	Mixed
2014		824	287
2015		1880	367
2016		2572	327
2017	39998	3420	336

The data for commercial dog/cat imports was extracted from the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) through the data warehouse facility by searching for imports of Canis Familiaris, Felis Catus. These figures cover all commercially imported dogs/cats including commercial puppies/kittens, rescue animals, research animals and unaccompanied pets. In some cases imports are recorded on TRACES as “Canis familiaris / Felis catus”. These are consignments where both cats and dogs were imported in the same consignment and APHA are unable to determine from the TRACES reports how many of each species were in the consignment. These are included the spreadsheets in column “Mixed”.

Dog imports under the PTS and commercially for 2014, 2015 and 2016 is here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/634592/A\\_TIC1115.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/634592/A_TIC1115.pdf)

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The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into TRACES by a third party and the information provided by pet checkers.

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Yours sincerely

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