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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on Dogs brought to the UK via the Pet Passport scheme which we received on 04 July 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

I was wondering if you had the figures for people travelling to the UK with their pets or dogs in the last couple of years? Are there also any statistics on where they go?

We asked for clarification on your request and this followed:

I am looking at calendar years and going back 2 years. So from 2016-current.

Also the focus is on people coming to the UK with dogs. Ideally dogs with owners or if it is all covered under the Pet Travel Scheme. Looking for statistics of the number of people coming to the UK with dogs. If it can be broken down even further as to where people with dogs holiday in the UK, then even better.

Can it be narrowed down to the top 5 countries people are coming from to the UK with their dogs and can it be narrowed down further to the busiest times of the year?

Please find monthly data below for dogs entering Great Britain under the Pet Travel Scheme from 2016 to 31 March 2018. Data for April 2018 onwards is not currently available. APHA do not hold data regarding the number of pets entering other parts of the UK, nor do we record the destination of animals entering GB under the Pet Travel Scheme.

Month/Year	Dogs	Month/Year	Dogs	Month/Year	Dogs
Jan-16	19435	Jan-17	21406	Jan-18	19403
Feb-16	11708	Feb-17	12735	Feb-18	12170
Mar-16	17164	Mar-17	17284	Mar-18	18386
Apr-16	22259	Apr-17	25972		
May-16	17871	May-17	19523		
Jun-16	22705	Jun-17	23758		
Jul-16	29998	Jul-17	31591		
Aug-16	42204	Aug-17	41322		
Sep-16	31154	Sep-17	34046		
Oct-16	24679	Oct-17	22970		
Nov-16	16628	Nov-17	15963		
Dec-16	20071	Dec-17	21037		

The data regarding the Pet Travel Scheme is based on information provided by checkers employed by approved carriers of pet animals. The data records the number of pet animals entering the country but does not record the country in which the paperwork (passport or certificate) was issued or the country the animal travelled from for compliant animals.

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 entered into the pets returns by a third party.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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