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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on pets entering/leaving the UK which we received on 06 July 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'I saw in archives that you had statistical numbers for pets being brought to the UK from 2000-2009 and was curious if you had any more up to date information.

Would like numbers from probably around 2014-2017.

Would it also be possible to see how many pets also left the UK?'

The number of pets entering GB under the Pet Travel Scheme are as follows:

	Cats	Dogs	Ferrets
2014	15074	155444	69
2015	14496	164836	90
2016	24145	275876	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.

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 provided by a third party (pet checkers).

APHA do not hold any data regarding the number of pets leaving GB under the Pet Travel Scheme as the country of destination is responsible for checking those at entry.

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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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