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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on Pet Travel which we received on 5 October 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 wonder if you have a figure for the average annual number of dogs (and possibly cats) travelling abroad and back under PETS.'

Clarification on the request was received on the 8 October 2018 as follows:

'Yes, I do mean the Pet Travel Scheme. The years 2016 and 2017 would be fine. I am interested in the numbers of dogs and cats but not ferrets.'

The number of Cats and Dogs entering GB under the Pet Travel Scheme for the years 2016 and 2017 are as follows:

	Cats	Dogs
2016	24145	275876
2017	26480	287016

The data regarding the Pet Travel Scheme is based on information provided by checkers employed by approved carriers of pet animals.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We cannot 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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Yours sincerely

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