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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on cat and dog imports which we received on 20 November 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'How many dogs have been brought into the country under the TRACES scheme in each of the last five calendar years from the following countries?

Romania
Spain
Greece
Hungary
Bulgaria
Lithuania
Albania
Egypt

How many cats have been brought into the country under the TRACES scheme in each of the last five calendar years from the following countries?

Romania
Spain
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Bulgaria
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Egypt

The data for commercial dog and cat imports was extracted from the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) through the data warehouse facility by searching for imports of Canis Familiaris and Felis Catus. These figures cover all commercially imported dogs and cats including commercial puppies and 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 Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) are unable to determine from the TRACES reports how many of each species were in the consignment. These are included in the table in column “Mixed”.

Country of Origin	Year								
	2013			2014			2015		
	Dogs	Cats	Mixed	Dogs	Cats	Mixed	Dogs	Cats	Mixed
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	0	0	245	43	32	235	16	117
Egypt	7	6	0	7	6	4	7	121	0
Greece	5	3	0	12	6	2	15	2	2
Hungary	1197	0	17	1662	8	2	1985	15	10
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	3616	174	140	8113	545	42
Spain	113	53	0	16178	243	3	2525	242	14

Country of Origin	Year					
	2016			2017		
	Dogs	Cats	Mixed	Dogs	Cats	Mixed
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	389	42	0	463	75	6
Egypt	10	157	0	7	252	0
Greece	108	30	0	114	42	31
Hungary	2027	5	23	1423	28	0
Lithuania	0	0	0	6	0	0
Romania	11659	825	0	15548	1289	0
Spain	3367	397	4	4303	312	0

Any information provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. APHA can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been entered into TRACES by a third party.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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