



Our Ref: ATIC1580

[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

05 February 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

**PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information about imported animals which we received on 10 January 2019. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please may I be provided with the following information:

- How many animals were illegally landed into Great Britain in the year 2018?
- How many animals were illegally landed into Great Britain in the year 2017?
- How many animals were illegally landed into Great Britain in the year 2016?
- For each year please could I have the number broken down into type of animal e.g Dog 20, Cat 20”

The below table shows the number of illegally imported animals into Great Britain in the years 2016 – 2018.

	Dog	Cat
2016	1571	75
2017	1249	98
2018	451	82

Due to the illegal nature of smuggling dogs, it is almost impossible to know the exact number that enter the country unlawfully.

Whilst the number of ‘illegally landed’ dogs includes the number of smuggled dogs, it also includes animals that are found to be non-compliant with import requirements at the border or in-land. For example their pet passport does not show a valid rabies vaccination.

While 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 to us by a third party.

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I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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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