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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information regarding rabies cases which we received on 25 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:

“How many suspected cases of rabies in dogs have been reported to DEFRA or its agencies in each of the following:

2014
2015
2016
2017?

How many reported suspected cases of rabies have been in dogs which have been brought into the country from abroad in the above years?

How many reported suspected cases of rabies have been in dogs brought into the country from Romania in the above years?”

The following number of dog rabies suspect cases were reported to the Veterinary Exotic Notifiable Disease Unit (VENDU):

Year	Total number of suspected reported cases of rabies	Of the total of suspected cases the amount 'brought in' from abroad were	Of the total of those 'brought in' from abroad those that were imports from Romania were
2014	7	7	2
2015	5	4	1
2016	7	4	4
2017	4	3	2

This data has been gathered from the information we have access to, which doesn't always have the full travel history of the dog.

We assume in this context 'brought in' means originating from abroad *i.e.* excluding dogs that travel with their owners abroad and return to UK after a holiday period

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Yours sincerely

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