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Dear [Redacted],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

Thank you for your request for information of 21st March about Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below.

“Please provide the total cost of administrating the register of exempt dogs under section one of the dangerous dogs act 1991 broken down by year for the last 3 financial years.

Total cost of administrating the register of exempt dogs under section one of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 broken down by year for the last 3 financial years:

2017-2018	£62,699
2016-2017	£69,824
2015-2016	£54,886

Please also provide details of any other costs associated with section one of the dangerous dogs act 1991 broken down by year for the last 3 financial years.

There are no other costs associated with section one of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

Please also provide the total number of dogs on the register of exempt dogs broken down by breed.”

Total number of dogs on the register of exempt dogs broken down by breed:

Types	Number
<i>Pit Bull Terrier</i>	3562
<i>Dogo Argentina</i>	11
<i>Japanese Tosa</i>	1
<i>Fila Brasileiro</i>	0
Total	3574



Please note that owners of individual dogs which are exempt from the general prohibition must ensure that their dog is microchipped, neutered, have up-to-date insurance against injuring a third party and be on a lead and muzzled when in public. These conditions have helped to ensure that very few exempted dogs have been involved in dangerous dog incidents.

Further information in relation to banned dogs can be found via GOV.UK here:

<https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/banned-dogs>

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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