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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on how many pet passports have been issued annually in the UK to pet owners which we received on 22 January 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"I'd like to request, if possible, related statistics on how many pet passports have been issued annually in the UK to pet owners in:

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019"

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) do not issue pet passports to UK pet owners.

APHA only issue blank pet passports to approved official veterinarian (OV) practices in the United Kingdom who then issue these for cats, dogs and ferrets to move under the Pet Travel Scheme.

APHA do keep a record of the number of blank passports we provide shown in the table below. We do not record the number of pet passports issued by OV practices to individual animals.

Year	Total number of pet passports issued to OV practices
2015	119,704
2016	95,449
2017	91,661
2018	93,381
2019	73,760

The increased number of passports issued in 2015 reflects a revision to the document introduced in December 2014 through an EU Regulation covering pet movements.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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