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Your ref:

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2020 requesting the following information:

“Please provide me with the severity classifications of the scientific procedures conducted on living animals, under ASPA, for 2019. Please provide the number of procedures, or animals, in each category and also the species involved.

I am not interested in any information pertaining to people, places or intellectual property”.

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Number of procedures in 2019, categorised by species and severity classification:

Species of animal (common name)	Sub-threshold	Non-recovery	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Mus musculus (mouse)	0	5	420	339	564
Rattus norvegicus (rat)	0	2	0	24	30
(Mesocricetus auratus) Syrian hamster	0	9	0	0	0
Sus scrofa domesticus (pig)	0	49	0	0	0
Callithrix jacchus (common marmoset)	6	0	16	31	5

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely

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