



Our Ref: ATIC1998

[Redacted]
{By Email}

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Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information pet passports and exports which we received on 11 March 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“For each of the last three years (2019, 2018, 2017), please provide a list (broken down by month) of the following, broken down by animal and dog breed:

- How many pets in the UK hold a passport
- How many pets have travelled abroad from the UK
- The destinations these pets have travelled to
- Which airport/region in the UK these pets have travelled from, broken down by destination”

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 per year 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 or hold a record of which airport may have been used.

Year	Total number of pet passports issued to OV practices
2017	91,661
2018	93,381
2019	73,760

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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