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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about rabied dogs which we received on 20 May 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 would like to request the number of animals detained under the Rabies Order on grounds of age for the period 2018-2019.”

In response to your request please see figures below:

2018 - 183

2019 - 102

Puppies are the only species of animal that are recorded as being quarantined due to being underage on entry to the GB. In all cases puppies are detained in quarantine under the Rabies Order on grounds of age following an inspection by an Official Veterinarian where they are deemed to be younger than the age given in their passports, and therefore under 12 weeks of age when the rabies vaccination had been administered.

While we do record whether the animal is a puppy, there is no requirement for Trading Standards to inform us of the age of the dog. We only record this if it is documented on any paperwork sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). While the information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data as we can only rely on the information that has been provided to us by a third party

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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

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## Annex

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Water Lane  
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