



Our Ref: ATIC2069

[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

17 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

### **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information dog seizures which we received on 22 June 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 am writing to request information regarding dogs seized and quarantined when entering the UK,  
I request as much information possible including dates (possibly by calendar month but weekly or even daily would be ideal) and reasons why the seizure took place. Information on the duration of each seizure also please.”

Clarity was requested and was received the 26 June 2020.

“Regarding time period I would like data from the last 12 month period of available data possibly up to the end of May 2020. Or if that is too recent the latest 12 month period of available data.”

The definition of ‘illegally landed’ does not necessarily mean the animal was smuggled into Great Britain. Our definition of an illegal landing is any dog, cat or ferret that is landed in Great Britain which does not meet the import requirements and therefore requires quarantine under the Rabies Importation Order. While these figures may include some smuggled animals, it also includes:

- pet animals that arrive at UK airports and during the pets check are found to be non-compliant
- animals that are found ‘inland’ and after a trading standards investigation are found to be non-compliant

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We can’t guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the

information that has been entered onto the documentation submitted by the local authority and quarantine kennel.

Please find requested information in Appendix 1.

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

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## Annex

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