



Our Ref: ATIC2217/2218

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

18 November 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information regarding health conditions of captive reindeer which we received on 4 November 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 make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for information held by the APHA which relates to reported health conditions of UK captive reindeer for the entirety of 2019.

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

- Please advise me as to whether the APHA has received any reindeer carcasses from the start of 2020 to date and share with me any recorded information on the condition, age, primary presenting signs (if known) and diagnostic conclusion.
- Please advise me of any veterinary referrals with non-carcass samples specifically for cases involving the investigation of diarrhoea from the start of 2020 to date. It would be useful to have a response for both diagnosed and non-diagnosed cases."

Please note that your second request for the same information, but a different year, has been included in this final response. Our reference for the second request was ATIC2218. For clarity the information you requested is detailed below:

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Please see the information you have requested at Appendix 1, and in the table below.

	2018		2019		2020		Grand Tot
	Non_Diarrhoea sign	DIARRHOEA_Sign	Non_Diarrhoea sign	DIARRHOEA_Sign	Non_Diarrhoea sign	DIARRHOEA_Sign	
DIAG	19	2	15	3	6	2	47
Carcase	16	1	13		6		36
Faeces	1	1	1	3		1	7
Hair	1						1
Blood	1						1
Mixed organs			1			1	2
MONI	3		4		1		8
Faeces	3		4		1		8
SUSP			1				1
Carcase			1				1
Unspecified	3		2				5
Other			1				1
SERUM	3						3
FOETAL_FLUID			1				1
Grand Total	25	2	22	3	7	2	61

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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

Email: enquiries@apha.gov.uk

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Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Coronavirus

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