



Our Ref: ATIC2230

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

24 November 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about cat imports which we received on 12 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:

“Please could you provide the number of cats imported into the UK in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 under the following two schemes:

- PeTs
- Balai

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 input into the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) and the pets returns by a third party.

With regards to the annual throughput for pets, the figures are higher in 2016 than previous years as prior to 2016 we relied on pet carriers to input data electronically onto a database. We began to have reservations about how accurate this data was and moved to a new method of collecting data which we believe is more accurate, although still reliant on accurate and timely data entry by the external companies (the carriers).

	Pets	Balai
2015	14496	1984
2016	24145	2733
2017	26480	3604
2018	28979	3809
2019	31890	5286

Please can you also provide this information for each month of 2020 if you hold this information?

If you hold this information, please can you also indicate for each year how many of these cats were:

- Under 6 months old
- Under 1 year old.

We are unable to provide the data on age. Although this information is recorded on the Intra Trade Animal Health Certificates (ITAHC's) we are unable to extract it from the TRACES system.

Please can you also provide the number of illegally landed cats and dogs for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Please can you also provide this information for each month of 2020 if you hold this information?"

The following are the number of illegally landed cats/dogs quarantined according to our records. We do not hold the data for 2015 and 2016 as this is outside of 3 year retention period.

Year	Cats	Dogs	Total
2017	98	770	868
2018	105	544	649
2019	54	375	429

2020 Breakdown

Month	Cats	Dogs	Total
Jan	0	31	31
Feb	8	58	66
Mar	3	34	37
Apr	1	40	41
May	2	50	52
Jun	5	77	82
Jul	12	66	78
Aug	9	69	78
Sep	4	69	73
Oct	3	85	88

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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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