



Our Ref: ATIC2315

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{By Email}

03 February 2021

Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for about dog imports, which we received on 19 January 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“It would be much appreciated if I could get the following figures from you:

- 1. The total number of dogs imported into the United Kingdom from 2015 until Jan 2021 (broken down by year).”

	EU	Third Countries
2016	30,930	3,365
2017	36,789	3,501
2018	37,097	4,319
2019	39,562	4,999
2020	60,190	3,130
Jan 2021	513	1

- 2. The total number of dogs imported from Romania, broken down by year (2015-2021)”.

	Romania
2016	11,640
2017	15,556
2018	17,194
2019	19,489
2020	32,525
Jan 2021	133

Please note 2015 data is no longer available from the TRACES system.

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 TRACES by a third party.

TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) is a European Commission system employed by EU member states to facilitate and record animal/animal product movements into and throughout the EU. This data was extracted from TRACES.

The data for commercial dog imports was extracted from TRACES through the data warehouse facility by searching for imports of *canis familiaris*. These figures cover all commercially imported dogs including commercial puppies, rescue dogs, research dogs and unaccompanied pets.

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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

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Annex

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