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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about zoo licenses, which we received on 20 May 2021 . Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I’m trying to find out which zoos in the UK have a licence to operate.

Is there a list held by central government of all licensed zoos or would this be held by each local authority?”

Please note that under Section 14.1 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, dispensations can be granted to the effect that the Act shall not apply to a particular zoo if it meets certain criteria, so while a premises may fall under the category of zoo, it may not be licensed under the Act.

Attached, as Appendix 1, is a list of the licensed zoo details as held by the Animal and Health Plant Agency (APHA) i.e. those without a 14.1 dispensation. You should note that the onus of general administration, including keeping APHA informed of changes to the statuses of zoos, lies with the Local Authority, so this list may contain some recently closed premises.

Northern Ireland has separate legislation: The Zoos Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003), we do not hold any details of NI zoos. This information would need to be requested from the NI government/Local Authorities who can be contacted here:

<http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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Water Lane
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