



Our Ref: ATIC2424

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

30 June 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the import of dogs, which we received on 1 June 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please could I request the figures for the following:

1. Number of dogs commercially imported (under the Balai Directive) in each of the following years: 2011 - 2020 (broken down by year and country).”

The data that you requested for the number of dogs commercially imported (under the Balai Directive) in each of the following years: 2016 - 2020 broken down by year and country can be found in Appendix 1. Only information from 2016 is available on TRACES.

“2. Number of dogs imported via the PETS scheme in each of those years (again broken down by year and country).”

The number of dogs imported via the PETS scheme can be found in the table below. APHA do not hold any PETS information prior to 2018. The country of origin of compliant animals imported under the PETS scheme is not recorded.

Year	Pets
2018	307,357
2019	307,263
2020	163,562

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 (Trade Control and Expert System) by a third party.

TRACES 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.

We do not have any PETS information prior to 2018 as it is outside our 3 year data retention period, and is no longer held by us.

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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