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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about numbers of dogs in the UK and imports of dogs and puppies, which APHA received on 19 July 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“The Canine & Feline Group is gathering information about numbers of dogs in the UK and imports of dogs and puppies. Anonymised findings from this survey will be used in our work around supply and demand of puppies and dogs.

We would be very grateful if you could answer these two questions:

1. How many Intra-Trade Animal Health Certificates (ITAHC) were issued in:

- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021 so far

2. How many individual canines in total were on all of the ITAHC's combined in:

- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021 so far

Thank you in advance for providing the response to our questions and helping us in our work to understand the supply of dogs in the UK”

The Information in the table below shows the number of ITAHC certificates and Individual Canines between 2017 and 2021.

Year	Number of Certificates	Number of Animals
2017	99	416
2018	23,340	37,144
2019	26,776	39,566
2020	44,493	60,188
2021	7,015	9,901

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.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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