



Our Ref: ATIC2481

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{By Email}

27 August 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about number of dogs imported into the UK, which APHA received on 20 August 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 would be really grateful if you could let me have a copy of the number of dogs imported into the UK under TRACES since 2015, and if possible within the first 6 months of this year. (if there is a handy link to a website where this information is available and is updated that would be amazing!).”

The number of dogs imported into the UK under TRACES from 2016 to June 2021 can be found in the table below:

YEAR	EU	Non-EU countries
2016	30,930	3,365
2017	36,789	3,501
2018	37,097	4,319
2019	39,562	4,998
2020	60,190	7,362
2021 (January 2021 to June 2021)	37,862	2,418

2015 data is no longer available from the TRACES system. The figures for 2015 can be found in a previous release here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/531168/ATIC0873.pdf

The information that APHA have provided is a true reflection of the information that APHA have access to. APHA can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as APHA 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.

Since our departure from the EU, Import Notification Forms are no longer used to notify APHA about imports of live animals from EU countries. Notifications regarding these imports must now be submitted using the Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS).

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

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 or postal address at the top of this letter.

Postal requests during the COVID-19 outbreak

APHA are currently experiencing delays in replying to post received. You should send queries to the relevant email address (details below) wherever possible. Please remember to include a return email address.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

Email: enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Annex

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Coronavirus

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