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Dear Redacted,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Index of Exempted Dogs**

Thank you for your request for information of 13 February 2022 about the Index of Exempted Dogs. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

- I am carrying out research for a law dissertation and I am wondering if I could please have the latest figures for the number of dogs on the Index of Exempted Dogs (current 2022 figures) for the whole of the UK and Scotland.*

We can confirm that there are currently **3,617** dogs registered on the Index of Exempted Dogs. Of these, **3,464** dogs are in England, **11** dogs in Scotland and **142** dogs in Wales. We do not hold information on dogs in Northern Ireland.

- In addition, can I also please have figures on the number of dogs seized by police and the number of dogs with destruction orders due to dangerous dog offences, dating from 2015-present for UK and Scotland.*

This information is not held by Defra. You will need to contact each Police Force to obtain this data.

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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