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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports, which APHA received on 7 January 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"I am writing to request some data in order to progress my research into the importation of dogs from Leishmania endemic countries. I would therefore be very grateful if you could provide me with the numbers of both commercial and non-commercial dog imports into Great Britain from the following European countries:

Albania  
Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
France  
Georgia  
Greece  
Israel  
Italy  
Kazakhstan  
Kyrgyzstan  
Malta  
Monaco  
Montenegro  
Portugal

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Romania Serbia Slovenia Spain Tajikistan Turkey Turkmenistan Uzbekistan Ukraine.

I would be very grateful for the number of imports per year, for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.”

The data for commercial dogs imported in Great Britain from the countries requested for the years 2017 to 2021 can be found at Appendix1.

For 2017 to 2020 the data for commercial dogs imported (under the Balai Directive) was extracted from TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) 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. TRACES no longer holds data prior to 2017 so we are unable to supply data for the year 2016.

The information extracted from here is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. APHA cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into TRACES by a third party.

For 2021 since we left the EU, the import data was collated from PIMS which is APHA’s (Post Import Management System) and accounts for all Imports that have been entered using IPAFFS (Import of products, animals, food and feed system).

APHA are unable to provide the number of imports of non-commercial dogs into Great Britain as this data is not recorded.

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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 or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## Annex

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