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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 2018, which APHA received on 14 January 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

Regarding Balai Directive Centres.

“Please can you advise, if available, the number of dogs imported in total for each of the years 2018 – 2021.

If you have the information please may I also have a list of originating countries for each year.”

The information you have requested can be found at Appendix 1.

The data for commercial dogs imported (under the Balai Directive) for the years 2018 to 2020 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.

Since we left the EU, the data for commercial dogs imported (under the Balai Directive) for 2021 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).

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 and IPAFFS by a third party.

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

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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

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Annex

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