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Dear REDACTED

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Exempt Dog Index

Thank you for your request for information of 2 August 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 doing some research into banned breeds in the UK and I was wondering if I could get the number of dogs on the list of exempt dogs currently? Is it also possible to get a breakdown of numbers for breed?

Do you have a list of insurers who provide third party insurance for dogs on the list of exempt dogs?

We can confirm that, as at 15 August 2022, there were 3595 dogs registered on the Index of Exempted Dogs. A breakdown of this total by breed is provided below:

Type	No.
Dogo Argentino	21
Fila Brasileiro	0
Japanese Tosa	3
Pit Bull Terrier	3571
Total	3595

We can also confirm that The Dogs Trust is the sole provider of insurance for dogs exempted on the Index of Exempted Dogs.

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

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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