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#### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports, which APHA received on 05 May 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 would like to know if figures are available for the number of dogs imported into the UK from Africa by rescue charities/commercially each year."

Clarity on the details of your request was received on the 06 May 2022 as follows:

"Numbers of imported dogs from Africa into the UK 2018-2020 would be very helpful"

The information you have requested can be found in the table below:

| Year | Imported dogs from Africa to UK |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 2018 | 251                             |
| 2019 | 529                             |
| 2020 | 580                             |

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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

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## Annex

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