



Our Ref: ATIC2800

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

11 July 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports which APHA received on 14 June 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you have requested and the response is detailed below:

“1. Please can you specify the total number of dogs commercially imported dogs from Romania to the UK in each year from 2000 to date”.

Please see the table below. APHA can only provide Romania to GB imports.

The 2017 to 2020 data has been extracted from TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System). The earliest data available is from 2017. TRACES does not record the purpose of import as rehoming, so this will be unknown. This data is a true reflection of the information APHA has access to. APHA can not guarantee the accuracy of this data and can only rely on the information that has been input into the system by a third party.

The 2021 to 2022 data has been collated from PIMS (APHA's Post Import Management System).

a) Please can you specify how many of these dogs were imported with the purpose of rehoming in the UK as rescue dogs.

1/1/2017 to 1/6/2022	Number of dogs imported	For the purpose of rehoming
2017	15,532	Unknown
2018	17,165	Unknown
2019	19,478	Unknown
2020	32,502	Unknown
2021	38,080	37,268
2022	8,641	8,534

“2. Please can you specify how many dogs in total have been seized at the border entering the UK from Romania with incorrect or forged health documentation in each year from 2000 to date.”

APHA do not hold this information.

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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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