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{By Email}

22 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the number of pets brought into the UK by Ukrainians since Russia's invasion, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 31 October 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Please can you disclose the number of pets, with total numbers for each species, brought into the UK by Ukrainians since Russia's invasion of their country on February 24.

A member of Defra's comms team sent the following background to me in response to a press query I made for the Telegraph newspaper.

- Our current position on supporting Ukrainian families and their pets can be found [here](#).
- We enabled over 2,200 pets to enter the UK to continue to be part of their Ukrainian family, more than doubled the UK's quarantine facilities and created entire new processes to keep the UK rabies free whilst enabling Ukrainians bring much loved family pets with them safely.
- The vast majority of these pets have been cats and dogs.

If it is not possible to send over the numbers for all species of pets, could you please limit my query to exclude cats and dogs”.

The table below is a complete list of Ukrainian pets imported and broken down by species. The figures are regularly updated. The table below shows numbers that were recorded at the time of extraction.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Total</b>
African Hedgehog	1
Cat	1012
Chinchilla	8
Cockatiel	1
Common Degu	1
Dog	1179
Ferret	2
Guinea Pig	14
Hamster	16
Rabbit	12
Rat	10
Rosy-faced Lovebird	2
Turtle	1

<b>Total</b>	<b>2259</b>
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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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