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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about pet passports, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 3 January 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Even though the Animal Health Certificate has taken over the Pet Passport, are you able to share the number of UK Pet Passports that are issued each year?”

And clarity received on 4 January 2023:

“It would be much appreciated if I could get the number of Pet Passports from the last 5 years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.”

Please see the information you have requested in the tables below.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) record the number of blank pet passports issued to Official Veterinary (OV) practices per year. APHA do not record how many of these are issued by OV's, or any species information.

Year	Total number of pet passports issued to OV practices
2018	93,381
2019	73,760
2020	75,140

In 2021 APHA stopped using pet passports and moved over to using Animal Health Certificates (AHC). APHA record the number of blank AHCs issued to veterinary practices per year. APHA do not record how many of these are issued by Official Veterinarians, or any species information.

Year	Total number of pet ACHs issued to OV practices
2021	94,000
2022	10,200

The information that APHA have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to.

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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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