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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Brucella Canis, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 16 February 2023. 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 request details on the number of positive Brucella Canis cases from 2019 to date.

Please supply figures per year and if possible, a breakdown of origin country if imported. Please also supply details of the number of positive cases with no history of travel and if possible, whether the dog was a breed dog or mixed breed.”

APHA can only report how many cases have been identified (or that were reported to us).

These figures are cases, not dogs. A case is a specific epidemiologically distinct occurrence and may involve multiple dogs.

2019: 0

2020: 9

2021: 36

2022: 55

APHA do not hold any collated information about breed. It is rarely specified on the sample submission form and is not recorded on our records.

The number of Brucella Canis cases, by country of origin from 2020 to 2022. Please be aware that the origin of the dogs is reliant upon the accuracy of data supplied to APHA by the veterinary practice.

Country of origin / Number of cases

Afghanistan	2
Australia	1
Bosnia	8
Bulgaria	1
China	1
Cyprus	1
France	1
Greece	5
Hungary	3
Macedonia	5
Mexico	1
Romania	43
Spain	2
South Africa	2
Sweden	1
Thailand	1
Ukraine	2
UK (dog with history of travel) 2 (Germany, Spain)	
UK (dog with no history of travel) 1	
UK (sire of dog imported) 1 (Ukraine)	
Unknown	16

Additional question received 25 February 2023.

“in addition to my original request, can data please be provided for the following:

The number of cases where there is no history of travel and the dog/pups are/were involved in breeding activity.

The number of cases of dogs with no history of travel and involving the insemination of imported semen.

Please provide the annual total for the years requested in the original FOI.”

There have been no cases involving insemination of imported semen.

In every case that has involved breeding activity, imported dogs have been involved although their precise individual roles in spread or introduction has not been defined.

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Yours sincerely

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