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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Brucella Canis in imports, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 21 March 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

This was a follow up case to ATIC3015 asking for data already supplied to be updated to include the period in 2023.

“Can you please supply the number of positive results and the origin country of the dogs from 01/01/2023 to date.”

APHA also received another request on the 21 March 2023 and have combined the two requests

“I would to request the following:

1. The number of cats and dogs who entered the UK as commercial imports from October 2022 to todays date. Please provide the data per month and detail the number for each country of origin.”

Please find attached data on the import of commercial cats and dogs (Appendix 1). The data is divided by month and shows the total number of animals and the total number of consignments from each country, in the period October 2022-February 2023. Unfortunately, data for March 2023 is not yet available.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into external customer facing systems by third parties.

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

The information provided is for cats and dogs in England, Scotland and Wales. For Information about those registered in Northern Ireland please contact DAERA at: [Access to information | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://daera-ni.gov.uk)

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The APHA pro-actively publish this information we hold on an annual basis therefore this information has been exempted from release citing Section 22 for the Freedom of information n Act (FOIA) 2000. Unfortunately APHA do not hold the information on the origin country.

Section 22 - Information intended for future publication

APHA have concluded that the public interest in withholding the information sought outweighs the public interest in its disclosure. Releasing information now before it has been finalised would be misleading to the public and this would contradict the principles behind Freedom of Information. It is in the public interest to wait until the information has been collected, assessed and quality checked rather than to release the information in a piecemeal fashion. Given the importance of publishing only appropriately collated and checked figures, it is reasonable to expect that this information should be published in line with accepted practice rather than disclosed before official publication. The expected publication date of this report is in February 2024.

Previous publication can be found here:

[Zoonoses and Veterinary Public Health Annual Report 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

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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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
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Please click [here](#) for further contact details.