



Our Ref: ATIC3101

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{By Email}

27 April 2023

Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 20 April 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“I was wondering if you could give me the figures for:

1. Number of dogs commercially imported (under the Balai Directive) from Romania in each of the following years: 2022 - 2023 (broken down by year, 2023 - up to April 2023).”

Number of dogs imported in 2022	Number of dogs imported in 2023 (January – March)
10,485	3,732

2. “Number of dogs imported from Romania via the PETS scheme in each of those years (again broken down by year).”

The Pet Travel Scheme covers pets entering Great Britain and is based on information provided by checkers employed by approved carriers of pet animals. APHA do not hold data of country of origin so are unable to give a breakdown. Please be aware that this is subject to change as we often receive throughput returns from carriers months later.

Please see below the total number of dogs imported via the PETS scheme in 2022 and 2023 (January-March)

Number of dogs imported via PETS, in 2022	Number of dogs imported via PETS, In 2023 (January-March)
267,052	49,468

3. “The same information for each of the other European countries.”

The information we have available can be found in the attached spreadsheet Appendix 1.

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.

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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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