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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Zoo licenses

Thank you for your request for information of 27th March about Zoo licenses. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

Please can you provide me with an updated full list of the names of all Zoos in the UK. Under the classification of 'Zoos' I am including any place where a member of the public can visit or observe captive animals: zoological parks, centres or gardens; aquariums, oceanariums or aquatic attractions; wildlife centres; butterfly farms; petting farms or petting zoos.

The information you have requested can be found in the attached document Appendix 1.

This information was drawn from a list of all zoos in GB which are on our database. The list may not be 100% accurate as it is the responsibility of the individual Local Authorities to alert us to any changes.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) only hold information of collections in GB which fit the definition of a zoo within the meaning of the Act. The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 requires the inspection and licensing of all zoos in Great Britain - a zoo is defined as any establishment where animals of wild species are exhibited to the public. Section 1 makes clear that all zoos that are open to the public, with or without charge on seven or more days in a twelve-month period need a licence from their local authority to operate.

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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