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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Cat and Dog Imports

Thank you for your request for information of 12th May about Cat and Dog Imports. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“AHI Animal Haven Ireland Crag Castleisland

Please may I have the date of each individual transport of dogs or cats from the above rescue that have been imported into the UK during the following dates.

The dates of each individual transport during the following periods 8th April 2021 to 31st December 2021, 1st January 2022 to December 31st 2022, 1st January 2023 to 12th May 2023 inclusive.

The number of dogs and cats listed on each individual transport.

The destination listed for each individual dog or cat on each transport as entered on their health certificate. Either by rescue name or if individual their postcode area or part of.

Can you confirm that each import was full compliant in accordance with the latest Legislation?”

The information you have requested can be found in Appendices 1 and 2.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. APHA 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. If the post code is described as blank the post code of the premises was not recorded.

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.

Part of the information that you have requested has been exempted from release under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

Section 40

The names of individuals have been removed and post code data has been supplied using the first letters/digits of the post code as the full post code in some instances would lead to the identification of names attached to the premises. We confirm that APHA does hold the information that you have requested as detailed above, but we have decided that some of the information should be withheld under sections 40(2) and 40(3A) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to persons other than you. These sections exempt personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). 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. We consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data because, it would lead to the identification of 3rd parties

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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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The ICO can be contacted at:

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