



Our ref: FOI2023/10055
15 June 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dog Import Statistics

Thank you for your request for information of 24th May about Dog Import Statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“I was wondering whether it would be possible to please have a copy of the data from 2015 to current (May 2023) for the import of dogs into the UK through TRACES and the Pet Travel Scheme?”

The information requested can be found in Appendices 1 to 4.

Please be aware APHA can only provide the data from TRACES for 2018 onwards due to APHA's data retention period up until December 2020. The imports data from the TRACES system only goes up to 2020, after 2020 APHA moved over to the Post Import Management System. You requested information from the TRACES system.

APHA have included the EU data in Appendix three and Rest of World data in Appendices one and two.

APHA have also included the throughput figures for dog imports for 2018 to 2023 (January-April) From the Pet Travel scheme in Appendix four. APHA cannot provide the data for May, as this data has not yet been received.

The EU data may include animals that have originated from a non-EU country but have travelled through an EU Border Control Post (BCP). The database records the EU BCP Country as the Country of Origin for these imports. The Rest of the World data will not include any animals that have arrived through an EU BCP.

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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