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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dog Imports

Thank you for your request for information of 7th June about 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.

“Can you please tell me how many (Beagles) or Dogs (whichever you record) that were imported into the U.K. to either Laboratories or government licensed breeding establishments from January 1st 2022 to May 1st 2022”

Please see the data below which shows the number of dogs imported into the UK for either research or for breeding.

Research – 183

Breeding - 265

APHA cannot confirm whether the breeding imports were in relation to Government licensed breeding establishments, the data provided is in respect of all imports recorded with a purpose of breeding.

APHA are unable to provide data for the Rest of the World as the purpose of the import is not recorded.

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 information that APHA have provided is a true reflection of the information that APHA have access to. APHA cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as APHA 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

Access to Information Team

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Annex

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