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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dog transport statistics

Thank you for your request for information of 1st July about Dog transport 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 am a post-graduate researcher at the Royal Veterinary College and would like to explore dogs in transport and the statistics of pet travel. Are you able to tell me the total number of dogs transported by airplane in and out of the UK in 2022. If this is not available then info from 2018 would also be much appreciated."

Please see table below for dogs imported via aeroplane into the UK in 2022. We have included all dogs that have been imported showing the Border Control Post (BCP) of arrival. Please be aware the data is input into the system by the importer, so we have picked out the ones we can identify as an airport from the descriptions given in the port of entry field.

Imports	Total number of dogs imported
EU Imports by Aeroplane	384
Rest of World Imports by Aeroplane	3,866

APHA are unable to provide any information regarding the means of transport and the total number of dogs that are exported as this information is not held. We can only provide the total number of consignments exported.

Please see the table below for total number of consignments of exports for dogs in 2022.

Year	Total number of consignments exported
2022	8,115

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

Access to Information Team

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Annex

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