



Our ref: FOI2023/13336
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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dog imports: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information of 7th July about Dog imports: Freedom of Information Request. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

- The number of smuggled dogs stopped at UK borders from January 2022 until now.

70 dogs

- The number of smuggled dogs stopped at UK borders from January 2023 until now.

29 dogs

Also if possible:

- A breakdown of what the most common breed of dog was.

11 Shiba Inu, 11 Bichon Maltese, 5 French Bulldogs, 4 Bichon Havanese and various other breeds but lower than 4 per breed

- A breakdown of what countries these dogs were from.

27 Romania, 12 Poland, 11 Slovakia, 5 Netherlands, 4 Hungary and various other Countries but lower than 3 per Country.

- What ports these dogs were stopped at.

Dover Port and Folkestone (Eurounnel)”

Please note that if an animal is not declared, then APHA would class this as ‘smuggled’. APHA can only give details regarding what has found and detained.

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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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