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Dear [Redacted]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: The number of registered exempt dogs in the UK

Thank you for your request for information of 18 January 2024 about the number of registered exempt dogs in the UK. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

I would like a break down of current number of registered exempt dogs in the UK including the newly added XL Bully.

Please see the information below that you requested:

XL bully breed type dogs will not be added to the Dangerous Dogs Index until the ban comes into force on 1 February 2024 and all applications for Certificates of Exemption have been processed.

In the meantime, we can provide figures for the other three banned dog types. This is broken down across England, Scotland and Wales.

Breed	England	Scotland	Wales
Dogo Argentino	17	2	1
Japanese Tosa	2	0	1
Pit Bull Terrier Type	2920	12	149

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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