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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: BRUCELLA CANIS RE MOD POLICE DOGS

We refer to your email dated 20 November 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) which was acknowledged on the 21 November 2023.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

Please provide an annual breakdown since 2017, and including so far in 2023, how many dogs owned by the MDP have tested positive for Brucella canis.

Please also give the number of tests done every year for Brucella canis.

For any positive test please explain when the disease was identified, where the animal was living, the precautions put in place, if the infection spread, what happened to the dog and measures in place to ensure the disease does not spread in future.

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

Please provide an annual breakdown since 2017, and including so far in 2023, how many dogs owned by the MDP have tested positive for Brucella canis.

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Please also give the number of tests done every year for Brucella canis.

The figures for year ending 31 March each year are as follows:

2023/24	= 10 (to date)
2022/23	= 14
2021/22	= 44
2020/21	= 29
2019/20	= 28
2018/19	= 57

No information is held for the number of dogs received by MDP prior to year 2018/19, but I can confirm that all dogs would have been tested.

For any positive test please explain when the disease was identified, where the animal was living, the precautions put in place, if the infection spread, what happened to the dog and measures in place to ensure the disease does not spread in future.

Not applicable.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office