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Dear [REDACTED] ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dog and cat imports to Many Tears Animal Rescue and Animal Haven Ireland

Thank you for your request for information of 5th December about Dog and Cat Imports to Many Tears Animal Rescue and Animal Haven Ireland. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Please may I request the following information relating to the importation of rescue dogs from the ROI and N Ireland to Many Tears Animal Rescue at the above address please?

“Request 1

Details of each consignment importation of dogs or cats to the following rescue (Many Tears Animal Rescue at the above address) from the Republic Of Ireland, N Ireland and elsewhere during the following dates 17.09.2025 to 05,12.2025 inclusive or date of handling if later. The number of (dogs/cats) animals listed in each individual consignment for each individual transport?

The date of arrival for each individual consignment/transport in the UK?

The port of entry into the UK from ROI and N Ireland

The business name of the transporter/s?

Copy or confirmation that the transporter used each time has Type 2 Authorization and confirmation all vehicles used are Registered for use in the ROI in addition to GB as required by law?”

Details of consignor such as name, business name, address and postcode?

The destination listed for each individual dog or cat on each transport as entered on their health certificate or TRACES, either by Dog Breeder, rescue name or if individual their location and postcode area or part of?”

Please see the information held by APHA at Appendix01. The data provided covers the period 17 September to the 5 December 2025. Some of the information requested has

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been withheld as it is third party data. Please see more information regarding Section 40 – Personal Information below.

APHA can confirm that Many Tears currently hold a Type 2 Transporter Authorisation, which is valid until 09/04/2030. It is possible they have a UK authorisation issued by N Ireland, however Northern Ireland issued transporter authorisation should be checked with DAERA at the following e-mail address TransportWelfare@daera-ni.gov.uk

“Have any Tears Animal Rescue ever been questioned and reported at the port of exit or entry into GB in the past 2/3 years on any matter relating to the importation of dogs/cats either due to animal welfare, paperwork irregularities/non-compliance regarding the dogs or transport? If so copies please.”

APHA do not hold this information.

“Request 2

Please may I request the following? All relate to the importation of rescue dogs from the ROI to GB.

All dogs from *AHI Animal Haven Ireland, Crag, Castle island, Co Kerry ROI. from 17.09.2025 and 05.12.2025

Details of the following the number of individual dogs imported into GB from the above* inclusive of dates 17.09.2025 to 05.12.2025 or the date of receipt of this email depending when handled if later.

Number of dogs on each individual transport

Date of arrival of each separate consignment/transport into GB

The destination of each individual dog/s

Port of entry into GB

Name of Type 2 Transporter Authorization and if registration listed for entrance into GB

Place and name of each Consignee individual destination/address/postcode or part of

Transport Company names of Type 2 transporter approval number to GB.

The destination listed for each individual dog or cat on each transport as entered on their health certificate or TRACES, either by Dog Breeder, rescue name or if individual their location and postcode area or part of?”

Please see the information held by APHA at Appendix 01. The data provided covers the period 17 September to the 5 December 2025

“In the case of AHI Animal Haven Ireland using their own transport, they were only listed for Type 2 in the ROI on my previous FOI response, they were not listed for Type 2 for GB use. They were still not listed on APHA online list dated 1st December 2025 either. Why is this not picked up at border control? They should not be entering GB without Type 2 Registration for GB. Surely this is entering the UK illegally when AHI use their own mode of transport?”

Transporters moving animals between the UK and the EU are required to hold a Transporter Authorisation issued by an EU Member State and one eligible for travel within the UK. The type of Transporter Authorisation required will be dependent on the duration of the journey.

The UK Authorisation may be issued by either APHA or DAERA, which will cover journeys within both GB and Northern Ireland. AHI do not currently hold a Type 2 Transporter Authorisation issued by APHA. It is possible they have a UK authorisation issued by N Ireland, however Northern Ireland issued transporter authorisation should be checked with DAERA at the following e-mail address. APHA cannot attest to them. TransportWelfare@daera-ni.gov.uk

The following link provides a list of all transporters who are Type 2 (long journey) authorised by the Animal Plant Health Agency List of Type 2 (Long Journey) Authorised Transporters.

[List of Type 2 \(Long Journey\) Authorised Transporters - data.gov.uk](#)

“Have Many Tears Animal Rescue or AHI Animal Haven Ireland ever been questioned and reported at the port of exit or entry into GB in the past 2/3 years on any matter relating to the importation of dogs/cats either due to animal welfare, paperwork irregularities/none compliance regarding the dogs or transport? Confirmation and details please if applicable.”

APHA do not hold this information.

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

Section 40 – Personal Information

The information requested has been withheld under section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3A)(a), (third party personal data), of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. The names of individuals have been removed, and post code data has been supplied using the first letters/digits of the post code as the full post code in some instances would lead to the identification of names attached to the premises.

Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3A)(a), of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy Article 5(1)(a) repeated in 35(1) DPA, which provides that personal data must be

processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure of that information would not be 'lawful'. Under section 40 of the FOIA the term "personal data" means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual.

"Identifiable living individual" means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly. APHA have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA. The information provided is a true reflection of the information that APHA have access to. APHA 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

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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

enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Annex

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request, you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to the Access to Information Team at the address at the top of this letter or email enquiries@apha.gov.uk and the team will arrange for an internal review of your case.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Please click [here](#) for further contact details.

Arrival Date	BCP or Port of Entry	Country of Origin	Consignee Address City	Consignee Address Country	Consignor Company Name	Consignor City Address	Consignor Address Country	Place of Destination Address	Place of Destination Country	Place of Destination Address Postcode	Transporter Company Name	Transporter Approval Number	Commodities	Number of Animals
12/11/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	NR17 South Norfolk	England	ANIMAL HAVEN	CASTLEISLAND	Republic of Ireland	ATLERSBOROUGH	England	NR17	KEVIN KELLY	UK/EICE/72/00110391		1
12/11/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	DN10 Nottinghamshire	England	ANIMAL HAVEN	CASTLEISLAND	Republic of Ireland	MISTERTON	England	DN10	KEVIN KELLY	UK/EICE/72/00110391		1
12/11/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	ME1 Kent	Republic of Ireland	ANIMAL HAVEN	CASTLEISLAND	Republic of Ireland	FAVERSHAM	Republic of Ireland	ME1	KEVIN KELLY	UK/EICE/72/00110391		1
12/11/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	BS4 Bristol	England	ANIMAL HAVEN	CASTLEISLAND	Republic of Ireland	The Hawthorns	England	BS4	KEVIN KELLY	UK/EICE/72/00110391		1

02/12/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	WITHHELD	Kildimo	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	CEIFNITHIN	SA14	Many Tears Animal Rescue	36	UK/CARMA/T2/00114980
02/12/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	WITHHELD	Kildimo	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	CEIFNITHIN	SA14	Many Tears Animal Rescue	31	UK/CARMA/T2/00114981
05/12/2025	GBDVR	Romania	WITHHELD	Tecuci	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	Cefneethin	SA14	SC Hope4Paws Ad SRL	2	UK/CARMA/T2/00114982
25/11/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	WITHHELD	Kildimo	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	CEIFNITHIN	SA14	Many Tears Animal Rescue	51	UK/CARMA/T2/00114983
29/10/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	WITHHELD	Knockroe Kildimo Co. Limerick	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	CEIFNITHIN	SA14	Many Tears Animal Rescue	3	UK/CARMA/T2/00114984
29/10/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	WITHHELD	Kildimo	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	CEIFNITHIN	SA14	Many Tears Animal Rescue	29	UK/CARMA/T2/00114985
29/10/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	WITHHELD	Kildimo	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	CEIFNITHIN	SA14	Many Tears Animal Rescue	37	UK/CARMA/T2/00114986
30/09/2025	GBFIS	Republic of Ireland	WITHHELD	Kildimo	MANY TEARS ANIMAL RESCUE	CEIFNITHIN	SA14	Many Tears Animal Rescue	41	UK/CARMA/T2/00114987