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Dear [REDACTED] ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Commercial import of dogs per country for 2023,2024 and 2025

Thank you for your request for information of 23rd October about commercial import of dogs per country for 2023,2024 and 2025. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Commercial movement of dogs into the UK as follows-

2023 - how many dogs have been imported, analysed per country of Origin

2024 - how many dogs have been imported, analysed per country of Origin

2025 to Sept 25 - how many dogs have been imported, analysed per country of Origin”

Please see the attachment for the information requested (Appendix 1).

The spreadsheet (Appendix 1) contains two data tables. The first has a breakdown by country of the number of commercial dogs imported from EU countries. The second has a breakdown by country of the number of commercial dogs imported from Rest of World countries. Both tables cover the period 2023, 2024 and 2025 to September.

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

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Annex

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The ICO can be contacted at:

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

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Commercial Dog Imports

EU Year Totals			
	Number of Animals		
Country Of Origin	2023	2024	2025 (to Sept)
Austria	6	6	3
Belgium	109	8	15
Bulgaria	1562	1381	963
Croatia	3265	2963	1922
Cyprus	2598	2175	1817
Czechia	110	88	63
Denmark	405	0	2
England	26	0	0
Estonia	57	84	21
Finland	3	3	0
France	49	67	12
Germany	19	41	36
Greece	342	395	231
Hungary	1377	1072	647
Iceland	0	2	0
Italy	266	274	209
Latvia	268	59	22
Lithuania	544	584	269
Malta	1	0	0
Netherlands	29	6	6
Northern Ireland	49	5	0
Norway	4	1	0
Poland	287	771	466
Portugal	293	194	143
Republic of Ireland	6389	5722	4372
Romania	13184	11220	7929
Slovakia	105	98	89
Slovenia	5	3	2
Spain	3333	2746	1764
Sweden	7	4	1
Switzerland	1	2	0
Total	**34693**	**29974**	**21004**

RoW Year Totals			
	Number of Animals		
Country Of Origin	2023	2024	2025 (to Sept)
Antigua and Barbuda	2	1	3
Argentina	31	14	6
Australia	427	377	240
Bahrain	113	37	41
Barbados	14	12	3
Bermuda	13	3	4
Botswana	1	0	0
Brazil	76	63	36
Brunei	2	0	0
Canada	103	79	61
Cayman Islands	10	4	1
Chile	17	2	4
China	27	52	23
Colombia	13	12	7
Costa Rica	8	10	13
Ecuador	1	0	0
Egypt	22	90	98
El Salvador	1	0	0
Ethiopia	1	1	0
Falkland Islands	2	0	2
Fiji	1	0	0
Ghana	1	0	0
Guam	1	0	0
Guatemala	0	0	2
Hong Kong	18	6	1
Iceland	0	2	0
India	132	95	76
Israel	0	2	0
Jamaica	2	7	5
Japan	12	5	4
Jordan	4	1	2
Kenya	12	25	22
Kuwait	10	9	7
Lebanon	19	12	5
Macao	0	0	1
Madagascar	0	0	1
Malaysia	33	15	9
Mauritius	15	32	8
Mexico	15	9	3
Namibia	9	4	0
New Zealand	100	99	61
Nigeria	2	0	0
Oman	4	3	2
Panama	0	7	1
Peru	8	10	4
Qatar	46	33	25
Russia	7	4	1
Saint Lucia	2	23	13
Saint Vincent and the grenadin	2	0	3
Saudi Arabia	39	36	29
Serbia	2	0	0
Singapore	48	26	27
South Africa	449	249	136
South Korea	47	70	51
Taiwan	5	0	0
Thailand	43	32	23
Trinidad and Tobago	0	1	2
Turkey	100	103	73
Uganda	0	0	1
United Arab Emirates	295	330	222
United States of America	502	403	272
Vanuatu	0	0	1
Zimbabwe	7	7	3
Total	**2876**	**2417**	**1638**