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Dear Amanda Dunckley

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DANGEROUS DOGS ACT

Thank you for your request for information about the Index of Exempted Dogs, which we received on 1 March. We are dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In response to the questions you asked, the answers are provided below.

How many dogs are currently registered and exempted with the Index of Exempted Dogs?
800.

How many dogs are currently in the process of registration with the Index of Exempted Dogs but have not been fully exempted yet? 30 (not included in the 800 above).

How many dogs were added to the Index of Exempted Dogs (via court order) in 2009?
396 but not all were exempted.

Of those dogs currently registered and exempted, how many are registered as;

- a) Pit Bull terriers - 800
- b) Dogo Argentino - 0
- c) Fila Brasileiro - 0
- d) Japanese Tosa - 0

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In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The information you requested may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I also attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Mark Benneworth in black ink, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mark Benneworth
Animal Welfare Team

Annex A

Complaints

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