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Dear Linus Woods

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: TB IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 24 January 2018, about Bovine Tuberculosis in domestic animals. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In your request for information you asked:

"Please can I have figures on the number of domestic animals that tested positive for TB in the UK over 2016 and 2017 as well as the number that were tested for the disease?"

Animals tested to include domestic dogs, cats and horses."

The following link provides the information for 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/other-tb-statistics>. Domestic animals (including cats and dogs) are included in the "other" column. This would include any species other than goats, sheep, pigs, camelids and deer.

With regard to horses, those may also be included in the "other" column but horses are not routinely tested for TB as they are fairly resistant to the infection. The number of confirmed cases of equine TB documented in the veterinary medical literature worldwide is extremely low.

The annual statistics for 2017 are not yet available but will be published on the above link in due course.

As the information you requested is publicly accessible, your request is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information under section 21 FOIA.

We attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

Complaints

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 or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Nick Teall, Head of Information Rights, Area 4C, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: InformationRequests@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs 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 Defra's own complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

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