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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI370281276

Thank you for your request for information relating to illegal puppy imports.

You have requested the following information:

Please could you provide with the following information regarding the number of smuggled dogs seized at UK borders:

1. The number of reports you have received, either from the public or anyone else, in relation to the suspected illegal importation of puppies? Please provide the figures for each year since January 2016, as well as the latest data you have for 2021.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Reports	1	1	1	1	3	3

2. Please confirm how many of these reports have been investigated further. Please provide the figures for each year.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Investigated further	1	1	1	1	3	3

3. Over the same period, broken down by year,

a. How many puppies were seized by Trading Standards on suspicion that they were in

breach of the Rabies Order 1974;

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Puppies seized	0	0	0	0	0	0

b. How many of these puppies were subsequently quarantined?

Not applicable, please refer to Question 3a.

4. Over the same period, broken down by year, how many prosecutions has the Local Authority carried out in relation to illegally imported puppies under either

a. The Rabies Order 1974

b. The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011)?

For Both Questions 4a and 4b, no prosecutions were carried out for the requested timeframe under these legislations.

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