

28 January 2021  
Our ref: 6965176

Thank you for your request received on 26 January 2021, for the following information:

**I am currently undertaking research into the continental puppy trade and would be grateful if you could supply me with the answers to the following queries.**

**1) Between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2020:**

- a. how many puppies/dogs were seized by Trading Standards on suspicion that they were in breach of the Rabies Order 1974;**
- b. how many of these puppies/dogs were subsequently quarantined; and**
- c. how many of these puppies/dogs went to a licensed quarantine facility for their quarantine period and how many were quarantined at home?**

**2) For each calendar year from 1st January 2018 up to 31st December 2020, how many prosecutions has the Local Authority carried out in relation to illegally imported puppies under either:**

- a. the Rabies Order 1974; or**
  - b. The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011; or**
  - c. Other legislation (please state),**
- and for any prosecutions relating to illegally imported puppies, please state the penalties received by the defendant in the case.**

**3) For each calendar year from 1st January 2018 up to 31st December 2020:**

- a. how many reports have you received, either from the general public or anyone else, in relation to the suspected illegal importation of puppies?**
- b. please confirm how many of these reports have been investigated further. Please provide figures for each year.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

***1 Between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2020:***

***a. how many puppies/dogs were seized by Trading Standards on suspicion that they were in breach of the Rabies Order 1974; -***

0 (from 1Jan 18 – 31 Dec 2020)

***b. how many of these puppies/dogs were subsequently quarantined; and***

0 (from 1Jan 18 – 31 Dec 2020)

***c. how many of these puppies/dogs went to a licensed quarantine facility for their quarantine period and how many were quarantined at home? –***

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