

Request 7982 – Stray dog data / dog microchipping

I hope this email finds you well. I am aware of the strain Covid has brought onto your working environment, so please do let me know if your operations have not resumed yet.

I am the lead researcher in investigating the effectiveness of dog microchipping, a project commissioned by Defra and carried out by the University of Nottingham. In order to fully investigate this, I am in need of some stray dog data, of the dogs you have handled, and therefore would like to submit an official request to have access to such data if they exist.

The minimum requirement to be able to complete this project is to be given access to aggregate numbers, how many dogs you have handled each year. Ideally between 2010-2019 but I realise this is a very long period so I would be happy to obtain access to as much data/years you have available, if any. If you hold more detailed data, such as the fate of the dog and whether they were microchipped or not - is very welcomed.

In addition, if you could spare a few minutes, I have created a short document with some additional questions I would like to ask regarding your operation and your views/experience since the compulsory dog microchipping policy was enforced.

Response

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Data based on information from Contractor

01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010 – 79 dogs

01/04/2010 to 31/03/2011 - 60 dogs

01/04/2011 to 31/03/2012 – 86 dogs

01/04/2012 to 31/03/2013 – 82 dogs

01/04/2013 to 31/03/2014 – 71 dogs

01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015 – 53 dogs

01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017 – 70 dogs

01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018 – 63 dogs

01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019 – 84 dogs

01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 - 77 dogs

Please see attached questionnaire (available on request).