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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 10 August 2026 which sought the following information in bold below:

1. **Please could you confirm many licensed pet shops DAERA currently licences (as of today's date) pursuant to the Petshops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000?**
2. **With reference to your response to question 1, how many licensed pet shops are permitted to sell:**
 - a. **Puppies/Dogs**
 - b. **Kittens/Cats**
 - c. **Rabbits**
3. **With reference to your response to question 2, please provide a breakdown by licence of the number of 1. puppies/dogs, 2. kittens/cats and, 3. rabbits specified on each licence and, 4. expiry date of each licence currently in effect.**

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I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested which is attached as **Annex A**.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



Veterinary Service Animal Health Group