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Provision of requested information

Thank you for your request enquiring how many incidences of pets infected with TB were recorded in 2008, which we received on 18th March 2009. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Specifically, you requested the information to distinguish between incidences reported for cats and dogs. The table below represents the number of domestic cats and dogs who were tested with suspected TB lesions and the number who tested positive to Mycobacterium bovis (*M. bovis*). in 2008, in GB.

	With suspect TB lesions tested	With a positive M.bovis culture
Domestic Cat	121	18
Dog	16	1

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I also attach an annexe giving contact details should you be unhappy with the services you have received.

Yours sincerely

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