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Request:

Please provide an annual breakdown since 2017, and including so far in 2023, how many dogs owned by your organisation have tested positive for Brucella Canis.

Please also give the number of tests done every year for Brucella Canis.

For any positive test please explain when the disease was identified, where the animal was living, the precautions put in place, if the infection spread, what happened to the dog and measures in place to ensure the disease does not spread in future.

Response:

To date, none of London Fire Brigade's Fire Investigation dogs have been tested for Brucella Canis.

The disease is associated with dogs that have been imported from eastern European countries such as Romania, where it is mostly stray dogs that are affected.

Being working dogs they have minimal contact with other dogs and therefore at this time there are no plans for us to have our dogs tested. We are aware however, there is concern that the number of cases in this country is growing and it has been known to affect humans, therefore with this in mind we will be monitoring the situation and if the risk increases then we may consider testing in the future.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#).