



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-230, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. How many dog breeders are currently licensed by your council?
2. How do you assess compliance with the dog breeding licence condition set out in sch. 6, para 6(5) of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 ("LAIAR"), which states, *"No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring"*?
3. Please advise:
 - a. How many instances of non-compliance with sch. 6, para 6(5) of LAIAR has your council recorded since October 2018?
 - b. How many dog breeding licences have been i. refused, ii. varied, iii. suspended, or iv. revoked by your council due to non-compliance with sch. 6, para 6(5) of LAIAR since October 2018?
 - c. How many operators have been i. prosecuted for and ii. convicted of an offence contrary to reg 20(1)(a) LAIAR by your council for breaching the dog breeding licence condition contained in sch. 6, para 6(5) LAIAR?
 - d. If applicable, what penalties were imposed on any convicted operators referred to in your response to 3(c)?

(Please provide a breakdown for the above information by year using the example table below.)

| Year | Number of recorded instances of non-compliance with sch 6 para 6(5). | Number of licences refused due to non-compliance with sch 6 para 6(5). | Number of licences varied due to non-compliance with sch 6 para 6(5). | Number of licences suspended due to non-compliance with sch 6 para 6(5). | Number of licences revoked due to non-compliance with sch 6 para 6(5). | Number of prosecutions for breaching sch 6 para 6(5). | Number of convictions for breaching sch 6 para 6(5). | Penalties imposed on operators convicted for breaching sch 6 para 6(5). |
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4. With reference to your answer to question 3(a) above, if any instances of non-compliance were recorded, please indicate the grounds upon which the operator was found to be in breach of sch. 6, para 6(5) LAIAR?
5. Please provide copies of any internal policies relating to the enforcement and implementation of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.
6. For all dog breeding licences issued or refused in the past three years, please provide copies of inspection forms held. I understand that any personal information will need to be redacted. If inspection reports are not held (e.g. because inspections are carried out by another local authority or regulatory service on your council's behalf) please provide the name of the authority / service provider that holds this information.

Response:

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2. Licensees are asked to confirm that they adhere to this condition. Dogs are assessed by a veterinarian during initial inspection. Licensees are encouraged to carry out genetic testing as recommended for their breed.
3. Zero on all accounts
4. n/a
5. https://eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/Animal%20Policy%202018_1.pdf
6. Please see attachment

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-230.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.