



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-136, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to request the following information:

As of every April 1 of each year 2020 to 2025 inclusive:

- For each of the following activities: dog boarding (kennels), home boarding for dogs, dog day care, dog breeding, cat boarding, and selling animals as pets, please provide:
 - Number of licenses in force
 - Number of 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year licenses issued in the 12 months up to that point
 - Number of 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year licenses renewed in the above period
 - Number of 1-star, 2-star, 3-star, 4-star, and 5-star licenses issued in the above period
 - Number of licenses revoked, refused, or varied in the above period
 - Number of FPNs issued regarding licence violations
 - Number of prosecutions regarding licence violations
 - Number FTEs inspecting and enforcing licensing
 - Names of license holders

For period above, for dog breeding, please provide the following information if held:

- Average number of breeding bitches per licensed breeder
- Average number of puppies born per year per breeder
- Average number of staff working directly with breeding bitches (staff ratios)

Please provide details of the training requirements for FTEs regarding inspecting and enforcing the licensing of the following activities: dog boarding (kennels), home boarding for dogs, dog day care, dog breeding, cat boarding, and selling animals as pets.

Please provide a copy of the latest inspection report for the dog breeding business licensed under number: 24/00730/ANIMAL

Response:

Please find the response attached.

We do not keep records of 'Average number of breeding bitches per licensed breeder', 'Average number of puppies born per year per breeder' or 'Average number of staff working directly with breeding bitches (staff ratios)'; however all staff ratios meet either the minimum standards of 1 member of staff per 20 dogs for 1, 2 and 3 star premises or the higher standards of 1 member of staff per 10 dogs for 4 and 5 star premises.

Number of FPNs issued regarding licence violations - 0
Number of prosecutions regarding licence violations - 0
Number FTEs inspecting and enforcing licensing – 1

With regards to training, all inspectors conducting work under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals)(England) Regulations 2018 have to hold a B-tec level 3 animal inspector qualification.

Please find attached a redacted inspection report for 24/00730/ANIMAL.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-136.

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.