

This request is in 2 parts. We ask that you answer all of the questions in the first section whether or not you have any licences issued under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act (DWAA). If there are any current DWAA licences for primates in your area, please also complete all of the questions in the second section.

As of 25th February 2023:

PART 1

- 1) How many DWAA licences are currently issued in your area?

None – details of number of licences issued can be found at:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/Animals/Dangerous-wild-animals.aspx>

- 2) How many of these DWAA licences are issued for primates (monkeys, apes or prosimians such as lemurs)?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- 3) How many applications for licences to keep primates under the DWAA Act have been refused in your area in the last 12 months?

None

On what grounds were they refused?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- 4) What is the cost of obtaining a DWAA licence in your area (please indicate whether this includes any veterinary fees incurred)?

Details of fees can be found at:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/Animals/LicenceFees.aspx>

- 5) What is the cost of 'renewing' a DWAA licence in your area (please indicate whether this includes any veterinary fees incurred)?

Details of fees can be found at:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/Animals/LicenceFees.aspx>

- 6) Are you aware of any breeders or dealers of primates in your area?

No

If yes how many?

Not applicable.

- 7) If a member of the public is aware of a breach of the Animal Welfare Act with regards to a primate, who do they contact in your area?

In the first instance they would contact the Licensing Section, Wigan Council.

- 8) In order to be granted DWAA licences for primates, must applicants demonstrate that they meet the conditions laid out in the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Privately Kept Non-human Primates?

Yes, they would need to demonstrate that they meet the conditions laid out in the Code of practice for the Welfare of Privately Kept Non-Human Primates.

- 9) If a DWAA licence is not renewed, do you contact previous licence holders to establish why it has not been renewed?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- 10) Would you investigate what has happened to primates that were licensed in your area but are no longer licensed?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

PART 2

- 11) If there are primates licensed in your area, please provide copies of all licences, and the most recent relevant veterinary and inspection report(s) for each licence (on the understanding that for data protection purposes, certain information may be obscured). If no written reports are available, please indicate the date on which the most recent report was conducted, by whom, and the outcome of the visit. If not included in the report(s), please also provide the following information:

Not applicable – no licences issued.

For each licence issued for primates:

- a) How many individuals of each species are covered (please provide the scientific name: i.e. *Sapajus apella*)?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- b) What is the age and sex of each licensed primate? If this information is not kept by your council, please indicate so.

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- c) Where was each primate obtained? If this information is not kept by your council, please indicate so.

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- d) Are these primates considered to be pets? If not, how are they classified?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- e) Please confirm whether any restriction is placed on the breeding of the licensed animals. If no restriction exists, please indicate whether the existing licence would automatically cover the offspring, and until what age this cover would last.

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- f) Has a licence been issued to the licence holder previously?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- g) If so, what was the last year a licence was issued, and what primates were licenced?

Not applicable – no licences issued.

- 12) Would you or someone in your department, be willing to share any further information about DWAA licensing?

Yes

And who can we contact for such information?

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