



1. Number of Licensed Dog Breeders at 31/03/25

- The total number of licensed breeders within your authority area on 31/03/25 (to include all dog breeding licence holders irrespective of duration.)
- The numbers of breeders on 31/03/2025 holding 1, 2 and 3 year licences.
- The total number of licensed breeders on 31/03/2025 was 8.
- 3 breeders held a 1 year licence, 2 breeders held a 2 year licence and 3 breeders held a 3 year licence.

2. Applications for dog breeding licences received (between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25)

(A)

- The number of new licence applications received
- The number of new licences granted
- Number of new licence applications refused and reasons for refusal.
- The number of new licence applications we received was 4. Two applications were granted and two were withdrawn.
- No new application was refused.

(B)

- The number of licence renewal applications received
- The number of licence renewals granted
- Number of renewal licence applications refused and reasons for refusal.
- The number of renewal applications we received was 2 and both applications was granted.
- No renewal applications were refused.

3. Inspections undertaken in relation to holders of dog breeding licences between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25

- The total number of initial (for grant or refusal) compliance inspections undertaken on application (both (a) new and (b) renewal).
- Number of interim compliance inspections undertaken
- 5
- 0

4. Complaints received about dog breeding between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25

- The number of allegations and/or complaints received about unlicensed breeders
- The number of allegations and/or complaints received about licensed breeders
- Number of follow-up inspections and/or visits carried out due to those allegations/complaints (for both (a) licensed and (b) unlicensed breeders).
- Number of breeders whose licence was revoked/suspended as a result of complaints/allegations.
- Number of subsequent investigations undertaken by means of visits to the breeder
- Number of subsequent investigations undertaken by other means.
- Number not investigated.
- During this period, we received 86 complaints regarding animal licensing. All complaints are investigated but not all complaints result in a visit. We are unable to break down the number of complaints as per the request as this would require a check of each complaint which would take over 18 hours and therefore this request would fall under the Section 12 exemption.
- This is calculated based on the checking of at least 86 records, with a check of each record taking a minimum of 15 minutes.
- Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.
- Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.
- No licences have been suspended or revoked during this period.

5. Enforcement actions in relation to dog breeding licence holders between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25

- Number of licences revoked and reasons for revocation
- Number of licences suspended and reasons for suspension
- Number of prosecutions in relation to licence holders, including reasons for prosecution and outcomes
- Number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served per premises and reasons for FPN's.
- Number of Improvement Notices served per premises
- 0