



Please provide the following information regarding your council's regulation of dog-breeding establishments under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 or the equivalent legislation in Wales (the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021).

Please supply figures for each of the past three calendar years (2022, 2023 and 2024). If your records are held by financial year rather than calendar year, please provide data for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 instead.

Please provide the following:

1. Number of dog-breeding licences currently issued by your authority.

Current number = 7 (as of 24/10/2025)

The licence periods are over-typed when a licence is renewed and so cannot be broken down per year. See attached csv file
2. Number of new licence applications received and number refused each year.

2021/22 = 37
2022/23 = 31
2023/24 = 23

The above figures cover the total number of applications for all animal activity licences and is not specific to dog breeding.

There were no dog breeding applications refused during the above periods.
3. Total income received from dog-breeding licence fees each year.

Income is not allocated to a specific animal licence activity, and therefore this information cannot be provided.

Fees and charges are available via the following link:

[Animal activity licence fees](#)
4. Total expenditure on administering and enforcing these licences each year (including officer time, inspections and related costs).

Expenditure is not allocated to a specific animal licence activity or recorded in such a way to be able to provide this information.
5. Number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) officers responsible for animal-licensing inspection and enforcement in each year.

Four - however, these Officers cover all licensing functions within the remit of the Licensing Team. Two posts are currently vacant, pending recruitment.

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| <p>6. Number of inspections carried out at licensed breeding premises each year.</p> | <p>All applications receive a visit, new and renewal. See above spreadsheet and answer at Q1. Unannounced visits are not coded to a specific animal licence activity.</p> |
| <p>7. Number of inspections carried out at unlicensed or suspected breeding premises each year.</p> | <p>This information is not coded in a way to enable a figure to be provided.</p> |
| <p>8. Number of dog-breeding licences revoked, suspended, or not renewed each year.</p> | <p>See csv file as at response to Q1.</p> <p>0 licences revoked or suspended.</p> |
| <p>9. If held, the number of formal investigations or enforcement actions relating to breaches of dog-breeding licence conditions or unlicensed breeding, broken down (where recorded) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Investigations initiated b. Formal warnings / improvement notices issued c. Fixed-penalty notices issued d. Cautions administered e. Prosecutions commenced f. Prosecutions resulting in conviction | <p>All complaints are investigated. The level of investigation will depend on the nature of the complaint, and available information and / or evidence.</p> <p>For warnings, this information is not coded in a way to enable a figure to be provided.</p> <p>Improvement notices issued = 0
 Fixed-penalty notices issued = 0
 Cautions administered = 0
 Prosecutions commenced = 0
 Prosecutions resulting in conviction = 0</p> |
| <p>10. Does the council maintain a public register of licensed dog breeders?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, please provide the URL or explain how the public may access it. b. If no, please confirm whether an internal register exists. | <p>Yes</p> <p>Public register</p> |