



Request

I'm interested in purchasing a pet from one of the breeders registered with your council, Eva and Jazmine's Little Darlings. I noticed that this breeder currently has a 1-star rating on the registry and was wondering if you could please provide more information about the reasons for this rating.

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE

Applicants must be given a star rating ranging from 1 to 5, based on their compliance history and the results of their inspection

The Animal activity licensing process: statutory guidance for local authorities states as follows:

Granting or renewing a licence: risk-based approach

To make a decision on star rating and licence length, local authorities will adopt a risk-based approach. They will consider the:

- compliance history of the individual applying for the licence - whether they are low risk or high risk
- animal welfare standards the individual follows - whether they have minor failings, follow minimum standards or already operate at a higher standard

Local authorities should ask themselves the following questions based on the inspection and on records of past compliance:

1. Does the business meet the minimum standards?
2. Does the business meet the higher standards?
3. Is the business low or higher risk?

This approach should be used every time a licence is granted or renewed.

Animals activity star rating system

	Minor failings	Minimum standards	Higher standards
Low risk	1 star rating, 1 year licence, at least 1 unannounced visit within 12 months	3 star rating, 2 year licence, at least 1 unannounced visit within 24 months	5 star rating, 3 year licence, at least 1 unannounced visit within 36 months
Higher risk	1 star rating, 1 year licence, at least 1 unannounced visit within 12 months	2 star rating, 1 year licence, at least 1 unannounced visit within 12 months	4 star rating, 2 year licence, at least 1 unannounced visit within 24 months

The star rating given to Eva & Jazmine's Little Darling's is based on the above statutory guidance, following the inspection on 23 April 2024. The premises are due another inspection in the near future, so the star rating could change.

The Inspectors comments following the inspection stated

The licence holder is experienced in the Cats that she breeds. I have no concerns regarding the welfare of the Cats on-site. Unfortunately, the business has seen a reduction in the star rating due to a number of minor failings for non-compliance with the minimum conditions in respect of record keeping and maintenance of the cattery units as detailed in this report.