

3 February 2020  
Our ref: 5965064

Thank you for your request received on 13 January 2020, for the following information:

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

**I am writing to request information to be used by Dogs Trust to inform our campaigns and support for Local Authorities.**

**Please find the questions attached, with tables for you to complete and return by email.**

- 1. Please identify which departments within your local authority have responsibility for a) dog breeder licensing, b) inspections of premises, and c) enforcement of regulations in relation to the breeding and sale of dogs. Please provide a contact email for these departments.**
- 2. How many staff (please include title and department of all staff counted) are employed by your Local Authority for a) licensing dog breeders and b) any other animal welfare functions (e.g. dog warden) and what training do these individuals receive?**
- 3. What is the process for a) initial inspections of dog breeding premises b) renewal premises.**
- 4. Please list your dog breeding licence fees. Please explain how you arrive at a figure to charge for dog breeding licences.**
- 5. a) How many dog breeders are currently licensed by your Local Authority and b) how many breeding bitches are held by each licensed breeder**
- 6. Please complete the table below: How many dog breeding licence applications did you receive? How many dog breeding licences were revoked and on what grounds? How many dog breeding licence applications did you reject and on what grounds? Please list any cases of legal enforcement against dog breeders, with details if possible How many complaints have you received about dog breeding, with detail if possible.**
- 7. What is your process for dealing with any complaints or reports received about a) licensed dog breeders and b) unlicensed dog breeders?**
- 8. What do you provide to dog breeding licence applicants by way of guidance and criteria for their application? Please attach (or provide links to) examples of everything you provide to applicants, including**

application forms, and describe how this is sent or communicated (e.g. by post, by email, by phone, or by directing to a website).

9. a) Do you do any proactive work to identify illegal and/or unlicensed dog breeders, and if so, please describe this? b) Please state any barriers to proactive work, and tell us what might help to overcome these barriers. This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you have 20 days to respond. We would therefore expect a response by 9th February 2020.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached

## **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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