

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
6 October 2021
Our ref: 7692416

Thank you for your request received on 29 September 2021, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act, to ask for information about licences for the following animal-related activities issued by yourselves:

- * Dog breeding establishments**
- * Pet shops**
- * Dog boarding establishments (commercial)**
- * Dog boarding establishments (home)**
- * Cat boarding establishments**
- * Dog day care establishments.**

For each of the calendar years 2015-2020 inclusive, for each of the above activities please provide:

- * Number of first-time licence applications**
- * Number of renewal licence applications**
- * Number of applications refused**
- * Number of one-year licences issued**
- * Number of two-year licences issued**
- * Number of three-year licences issued**
- * Number of inspections carried out**
- * Number of licences revoked.**

If you do not have the information back to 2015 or for each of these activities, please supply the data where you do have records.

In addition, for each of the calendar years 2015-2020 inclusive, please also provide:

- * Number of animal welfare inspectors**
- * Number of full-time employees of the animal welfare team.**

Please provide the data in Excel format. A spreadsheet is attached for convenience.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached

The data requested has been input into the spreadsheet as requested.

Please note the following, as an addendum to the information:

- Animal welfare inspections are contracted to City of London - it is usual that 1 to 2 members of their staff do the majority of inspections for the type of business enquired about. In regards to how many officers, there is one member of the licensing team who is tasked with both Animal Welfare Licensing and Special Treatments licensing. This has been the case since 2015
- Many applications made in 2019/2020 either never received an inspection or they did not continue past the inspection to validate the licence as the effect of COVID naturally meant a lot of businesses where contact with people is required closed.
- There was only 1 dedicated cattery noted - however there was also a cat and dog boarder
- many dog boarders also provide a day care service. Where this was the case these are listed as a boarder.

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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Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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