

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
20 May 2022
Our ref: 8281929

Thank you for your request received on 17 May 2022, for the following information:

Freedom of Information Request regarding Animal Services.

I am writing from Blue Cross, a pet charity dedicated to improving animal welfare in the UK. We are currently in the process of contacting all relevant Local Authorities in the UK, requesting details relating to animal licensing and dog warden services.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I would like to make the following request for information relating to the animal services provided by your local authority.

Dog Warden Service

1. Does the local authority employ a dog warden or outsource the role? If the role is outsourced, who is responsible?
2. What has been the local authority's annual spend on the dog warden service for the last three years? Either for inhouse or outsourcing the role.
2019 2020 2021

Animal licensing service

1. Please provide details of the number of premises licensed under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 / The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021 / The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

Number of premises licensed to breed dogs

Number of dogs each premises is licensed to have on site

The breeds of dogs listed on the licence

2. For any premises licensed to house 10 or more breeding bitches, please provide copies of the most recent inspection report(s). If no written reports are available, please indicate the date on which the most recent report was conducted, and by whom (job title not personal details).

3. How many investigations have been made into premises suspected of needing a breeding licence between January 2019 - December 2021?

Jan - Dec 2019

Jan - Dec 2020

Jan - Dec 2021

4. How many additional conditions have been attached to a licence between January 2019- December 2021

Jan - Dec 2019

Jan - Dec 2020

Jan - Dec 2021

To assist you, the information requested above may be returned to: xxx

We are extremely grateful for your earliest co-operation and assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

Dog Warden Service

1. Does the local authority employ a dog warden or outsource the role? If the role is outsourced, who is responsible?

This is outsourced to the London Borough of Islington.

***2. What has been the local authority's annual spend on the dog warden service for the last three years? Either for inhouse or outsourcing the role.
2019 2020 2021***

2019: 15.5K

2020: 13.5K

2021: 19.8K

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Number of premises licensed to breed dogs

2 licenced, 1 renewal in progress

Number of dogs each premises is licensed to have on site

Prem 1: 5

Prem 2: 15

Prem 3: 19 dogs allowed

The breeds of dogs listed on the licence

Prem 1: Uncertain, may be poodles

Prem 2: Labrador retrievers

Prem 3: Pugs/pekingese

2. For any premises licensed to house 10 or more breeding bitches, please provide copies of the most recent inspection report(s). If no written reports are available, please indicate the date on which the most recent report was conducted, and by whom (job title not personal details).

None of these premises have 10 or more breeding bitches

3. How many investigations have been made into premises suspected of needing a breeding licence between January 2019 - December 2021?

Jan - Dec 2019 - 1

Jan - Dec 2020 - 0

Jan - Dec 2021 - 2

4. How many additional conditions have been attached to a licence between January 2019- December 2021

Jan - Dec 2019

Jan - Dec 2020

Jan - Dec 2021

None

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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