

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
31 January 2023
Our ref: 9055716

Thank you for your request received on 24 January 2023, for the following information:

We are writing to you with a Freedom of Information Request relating to equine care and welfare. We are conducting a project for the RSPCA exploring equine welfare and management in England and Wales (incorporating Equine Overpopulation, Overbreeding, Neglect and Abandonment) and would be grateful for any information you have on this issue.

We specifically request information you have on the following aspects in your area each year for the last 10 years, and welcome associated information you have:

- 1. Number of licensed equine establishments (both riding schools and those hiring out horses, ponies and donkeys)**
- 2. Number of livery yards**
- 3. Number of licenced equine slaughtermen (knackermen) and abattoirs**
- 4. Number of equines slaughtered in the abattoirs and killed by knackermen in your area**
- 5. Number of complaints/ calls relating to equine welfare, and the outcome of those calls**
- 6. Number of calls received about fly grazing or equine abandonment with number of horses, ponies and donkeys involved.**
- 7. Number of horses, ponies and donkeys detained after being reported as fly grazing or abandoned**
- 8. Number of equine welfare related prosecutions**
- 9. Number of equine passport fixed penalty notices**

Please return the information to us by email, in either Word or Excel format.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

1. Number of licensed equine establishments (both riding schools and those hiring out horses, ponies and donkeys)

2013: 3

2014: 3

2015: 3

2016: 3

2017: 3

2018: 3

2019: 4

2020: 4

2021: 4

2022: 3

2023: 3

2. Number of livery yards

Unknown, as these are not licenced under the The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

3. Number of licenced equine slaughtermen (knackermen) and abattoirs

Unknown, as these are not licenced under the The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

4. Number of equines slaughtered in the abattoirs and killed by knackermen in your area

Unknown, as these are not licenced under the The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

5. Number of complaints/ calls relating to equine welfare, and the outcome of those calls

1 complaint made, 2021 - the site was subsequently visited by Animal Health Inspectors, and licenced, and has since adhered to the expected standards.

6. Number of calls received about fly grazing or equine abandonment with number of horses, ponies and donkeys involved.

None that we are aware of although this would possibly be an issue for Animal Control, not Animal Welfare Licensing.

7. Number of horses, ponies and donkeys detained after being reported as fly grazing or abandoned

None that we are aware of although this would possibly be an issue for Animal Control, not Animal Welfare Licensing.

8. Number of equine welfare related prosecutions

None that we are aware of although this would possibly be an issue for Animal Control, not Animal Welfare Licensing.

9. Number of equine passport fixed penalty notices

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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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