

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
21 March 2024
Our ref: 11773112

Thank you for your request received on 18 March 2024, for the following information:

Following up on our previous correspondence in Q1 2023 regarding dog breeding licence protocols within your authority, we are reaching out again to request further information to complete our data for the entire year of 2023. This continued engagement aims to enhance our understanding and ensure our records are as current and comprehensive as possible. We kindly request the following additional information:

1. Number of Licensed Breeders: The total number of licensed breeders within your authority as of the end of 2023.

2. Licence Applications and Approvals for 2023:

- The number of new licence applications received in 2023.
- The number of new licences approved in 2023.
- The number of licence renewal applications received in 2023.
- The number of licence renewals approved in 2023.

3. Inspections:

- The total number of inspections undertaken in 2023.

4. Licence Revocations:

- Details of any licences that were revoked during 2023, including the reasons for revocation.

5. Complaints:

- The number of complaints received in 2023 related to licensed breeders.

- The nature of these complaints and any subsequent actions taken.

6. Litters Recorded:

- The total number of litters and puppies in each litter recorded by each licence holder in 2023.

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

1. Number of Licensed Breeders: The total number of licensed breeders within your authority as of the end of 2023.

3 licensed breeders

2. Licence Applications and Approvals for 2023:

- ***The number of new licence applications received in 2023.***

1 new application

- ***The number of new licences approved in 2023.***

0 new licences approved.

- ***The number of licence renewal applications received in 2023.***

2 renewals received

- ***The number of licence renewals approved in 2023.***

3 approved (one submitted end of 2022)

3. Inspections:

- ***The total number of inspections undertaken in 2023.***

4, including mid-terms.

4. Licence Revocations:

- ***Details of any licences that were revoked during 2023, including the reasons for revocation.***

0

5. Complaints:

- The number of complaints received in 2023 related to licensed breeders.

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- The nature of these complaints and any subsequent actions taken.

Nature – noise nuisance. We advised that under current legislation there is no facility to either consult with the noise nuisance department regarding the issue of an animal activities licence, and we advised the relevant departments and the complainant. We discussed the issue with the Noise Nuisance team and advised we would provide assistance with information if formally requested.

6. Litters Recorded:

- The total number of litters and puppies in each litter recorded by each licence holder in 2023.

1. 3 litters
2. Mid-term not yet carried out, litters unknown. 3 permitted.
3. 3 litters

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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