



FOI REF:	16166
RESPONSE SENT:	16/10/2025

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information regarding your council's regulation of dog-breeding establishments under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 or the equivalent legislation in Wales (the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021).

Please supply figures for each of the past three calendar years (2022, 2023 and 2024). If your records are held by financial year rather than calendar year, please provide data for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 instead.

Please provide the following:

- (1) Number of dog-breeding licences currently issued by your authority.
- (2) Number of new licence applications received and number refused each year.
- (3) Total income received from dog-breeding licence fees each year.
- (4) Total expenditure on administering and enforcing these licences each year (including officer time, inspections and related costs).
- (5) Number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) officers responsible for animal-licensing inspection and enforcement in each year.
- (6) Number of inspections carried out at licensed breeding premises each year.
- (7) Number of inspections carried out at unlicensed or suspected breeding premises each year.
- (8) Number of dog-breeding licences revoked, suspended, or not renewed each year.
- (9) If held, the number of formal investigations or enforcement actions relating to breaches of dog-breeding licence conditions or unlicensed breeding, broken down (where recorded) by:
 - a) a. Investigations initiated
 - b) b. Formal warnings / improvement notices issued
 - c) c. Fixed-penalty notices issued
 - d) d. Cautions administered
 - e) e. Prosecutions commenced
 - f) f. Prosecutions resulting in conviction
- (10) Does the council maintain a public register of licensed dog breeders?
 - a) 10a. If yes, please provide the URL or explain how the public may access it.
 - b) 10b. If no, please confirm whether an internal register exists.

Response (using financial rather than calendar years)

(1) Number of dog-breeding licences currently issued by your authority.

2021/22 - 8

2022/23 - 9

2023/24 - 9

(2) Number of new licence applications received and number refused each year.

2021/22 - 1

2022/23 - 1

2023/24 - 1 (refused)

(3) Total income received from dog-breeding licence fees each year.

2021/22 - £273

2022/23 - £1,124

2023/24 - £1,465

(4) Total expenditure on administering and enforcing these licences each year (including officer time, inspections and related costs). **This information is not recorded**

(5) Number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) officers responsible for animal-licensing inspection and enforcement in each year.

2021/22 - 2

2022/23 - 2

2023/24 - 2

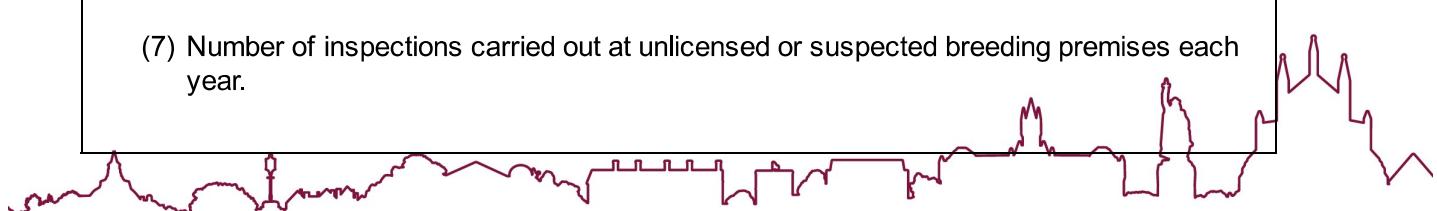
(6) Number of inspections carried out at licensed breeding premises each year.

2021/22 - 2

2022/23 - 4

2023/24 - 6

(7) Number of inspections carried out at unlicensed or suspected breeding premises each year.



2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

2023/24 - 0

(8) Number of dog-breeding licences revoked, suspended, or not renewed each year.

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

2023/24 - 0

(9) If held, the number of formal investigations or enforcement actions relating to breaches of dog-breeding licence conditions or unlicensed breeding, broken down (where recorded) by:

g) a. Investigations initiated

2021/22 - 1

2022/23 - 5

2023/24 - 4

h) b. Formal warnings / improvement notices issued

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

2023/24 - 0

i) c. Fixed-penalty notices issued

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

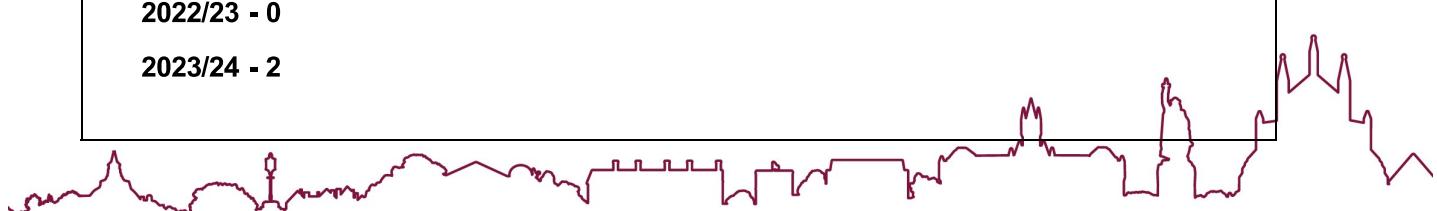
2023/24 - 0

j) d. Cautions administered

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

2023/24 - 2



k) e. Prosecutions commenced

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

2023/24 - 0

l) f. Prosecutions resulting in conviction

2021/22 - 0

2022/23 - 0

2023/24 - 0

(10) Does the council maintain a public register of licensed dog breeders? **Yes, updated twice a year**

c) 10a. If yes, please provide the URL or explain how the public may access it.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/environment/animal-licences/dog-breeding-licence>
(see documents on right of the page)

10b. If no, please confirm whether an internal register exists.

