

FOI REF:	15928
RESPONSE SENT:	27/08/2025

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information, please:

1 How many dog breeders are currently licensed by your council?

2 How do you assess compliance with the dog breeding licence condition set out in sch 6, para 6(5) of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 ("LAIAR"), which states, "No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring"?

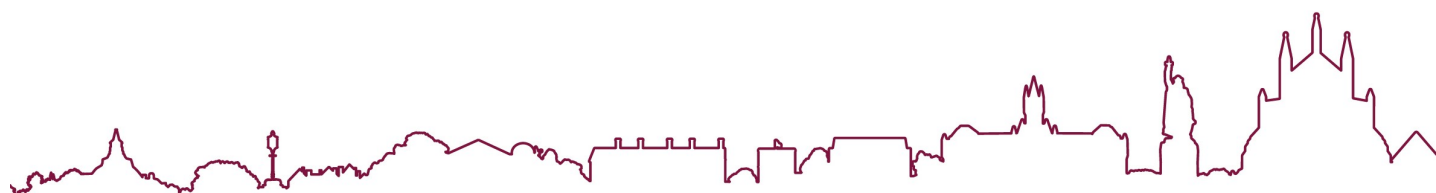
3 Please advise:

- a. How many instances of non-compliance with sch 6, para 6(5) of LAIAR has your council recorded since October 2018?
- b. How many dog breeding licences have been i. refused, ii. varied, iii. suspended, or iv. revoked by your council due to non-compliance with sch 6, para 6(5) of LAIAR since October 2018?
- c. How many operators have been i. prosecuted for and ii. convicted of an offence contrary to reg 20(1)(a) LAIAR by your council for breaching the dog breeding licence condition contained in sch 6, para 6(5) LAIAR?
- d. If applicable, what penalties were imposed on any convicted operators referred to in your response to 3(c)?

4 With reference to your answer to question 3(a) above, if any instances of non-compliance were recorded, please indicate the grounds upon which the operator was found to be in breach of sch 6, para 6(5) LAIAR?

5 Please provide copies of any internal policies relating to the enforcement and implementation of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

6 For all dog breeding licences issued or refused in the past three years, please provide copies of inspection forms held. I understand that any personal information will need to be redacted. If inspection reports are not held (e.g because inspections are carried out by another local authority or regulatory service on your council's behalf) please provide the name of the authority / service provider that holds this information.



Response

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2. Dogs checked at inspection re phenotype, genotype is more difficult to assess but check that breeder has records of the individual and parentage where possible.
3. a) 0 b) 0 c) 0 d) 0
4. N/A
5. There are no internal policies for this.
6. 11 Redacted inspection forms will be sent via Email in 3 separate Emails to ensure files are not too big for Email Inbox

