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Request

If exact figures are not recorded, estimates or descriptive responses based on recorded information would be very helpful.

1. Enquiries Outside the Authority Area

a) How many occasions were there where officers responsible for stray dog functions needed to make enquiries outside your authority's district/borough area in order to identify, trace, or contact a potential owner of a stray dog where a dog has been found within your district/borough but information received suggests that the dog owner resides over the border and into another local authority area.

b) If exact figures are not recorded, please indicate which of the following best reflects your authority's experience:

Frequency of enquiries made outside of your area?

Please indicate

Never / Rarely / Often / Frequently

Sometimes – we do receive strays where the owner lives in a different District

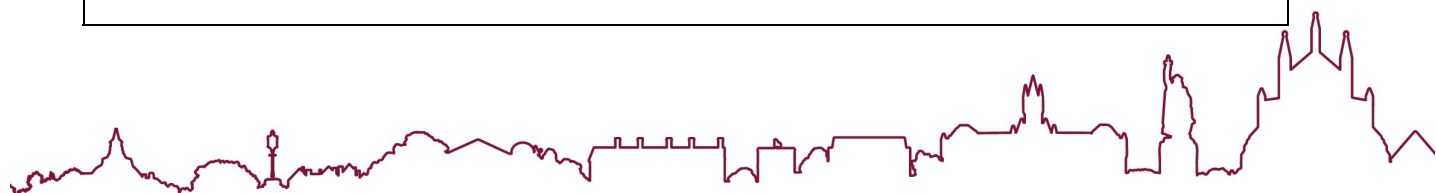
Please indicate whether such investigations are conducted in person (officer visits the address) or writes to the individual. This assumes that email/telephone contacts are not held within in a microchip data set.

Please indicate which best describes your approach.

We write a letter to the potential owners address?

Never / Rarely / Often / Frequently

Sometimes - we would always try to contact the owner by telephone or Email if possible but, if there is no response or we do not have those contact details, we would always write to the registered owner



An officer visits the potential owners address in person to enquire as to potential ownership.

Rarely / Sometimes / Often / Frequently

Never - we would use phone, Email or written contact

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*If 'Never' please set out any alternative steps that would be taken to reunite the dog with its owner (again, this assumes that information has been provided to the local authority which suggests the address of a potential owner).

4. Cross-Boundary Cooperation

a) Does your authority have any formal or informal arrangements with neighbouring authorities regarding enquiries, investigations, or visits connected with stray dogs that originate from outside your area?

Yes. We have an agreement with Havant Borough Council. We try to cover their areas for stray dog collection when they have no trained staff available on that day and vice versa (preferably this would be agreed in advance if possible). We would try to help out any neighbouring authority in a dangerous or emergency situation if they ask for back-up (although we could not always guarantee availability).

b) If such arrangements exist, please provide copies of any relevant policies, protocols, guidance documents, service specifications, or operational procedures that govern these activities.

We do not have any formal written policies but we do have ID cars authorising us to collect strays in their district and vice versa.

