



Response to Request for Information

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Date 19 May 2015

Dog Breeders

Request:

The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare and training. Its objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. As an organisation closely associated with dog breeding, the Kennel Club is intending to carry out research to gain insight into breeders licensed by local authorities. We are therefore contacting you alongside all local authorities in England and Wales to gather important data on a range of information regarding this issue.

Under the Freedom of Information Act we would kindly request the following:

1. Name of local authority
[Wolverhampton City Council](#)
2. Date of completing request
[19 May 2015](#)
3. What terms require a breeder to have a breeding license within your local authority (e.g. if they breed over a specific number of litters)?
[In Wolverhampton we take the view that a person is presumed to be carrying out the business of breeding dogs for sale where, they breed and sell more than two litters in a 12 month period, or during any 12 month period, five or more litters are born to his/her bitches which are:](#)
 - [\(a\) kept by him at any premises during any period of 12 months;](#)
 - [\(b\) kept by any relative of his at those premises;](#)
 - [\(c\) kept by him elsewhere; and](#)
 - [\(d\) kept by any person under a breeding arrangement with him](#)
4. The number of breeders in your local authority in 2013 and to date in 2014:
Number of breeders licensed in 2013: [Nil](#)
Number of breeders licensed in 2014 (to date): [Nil](#)

5. Do staff, on behalf of your local authority, carry out visits relating to dog breeding and licensing? (Please state yes/no and give details of purpose e.g. inspect dog housing, breeding facilities etc)?
We would investigate any alleged dog breeding activity.
6. Is a visit/inspection carried out when a breeder or breeding establishment is first licensed?
N/A
7. How frequently do they need to renew their license?
N/A
8. Are breeders then revisited if they renew their breeding license?
N/A
9. Please indicate the number of staff within your authority which carry out these inspections/visits:
N/A
10. Please state the job title/s of the individual/s who carry out this visit (e.g. environmental officer, vets, etc)
Likely to be Environmental Health Officers.
11. How many breeder visits and/or inspections have been carried out in 2013 and to date in 2014:

Number of breeder visits in 2013: N/A
Number of breeders visits in 2014 (to date): N/A
12. Have you revoked any breeder licenses in 2013 and to date in 2014? (if yes please provide figures):

Number of breeders' licenses revoked in 2013: N/A
Number of breeders' licenses revoked in 2014 (so far): N/A