

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 111575
Date 13 November 2015

Puppy Trading

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with copies of the following:

1. Council policy relating to pet shop puppy trading
[Dogs and puppies are prohibited from sale or display in any licensed pet shop within Wolverhampton.](#)
2. A description of the process by which Council ensures pet shops do not sell puppies / dogs without informing you, either at the licence application / renewal stage or through variation in an existing licence
[Annual licence inspection and routine monitoring of advertising sites](#)
3. A description of the process by which Council addresses breaches of its policy on pet shop licenses
[In accordance with Regulators Compliance Code – in a proportionate manner. We have never encountered breaches involving the sale of dogs or puppies.](#)
4. A description of any procedure in place to invite, field and address notifications of breaches of Council policy on puppy trading from the public.
[The following message is on the Council website:](#)

[The sale or display of dogs, pups and kittens is not allowed from pet shops licenced by Wolverhampton City Council. If anyone becomes aware of this illegal practice please inform Regulatory Services immediately by emailing City Direct or calling 01902 551155. Your confidentiality will be maintained if preferred.](#)
5. If Council includes a minimum age for puppies at sale, a description of the method by which Council enforces this regulation
[N/A](#)
6. Copies of any additional documents which relate to puppy trading, including but not limited to: [N/A](#)
 - position statements
 - press releases since 2010
 - operating plans and systems of work
 - risk assessments for licensing officers
 - pro forma / model letters used in the licensing process.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

7. If not supplied otherwise, minutes of any committee meeting at which review of any of these documents has been discussed since 2010, or at which review of these documents has been proposed for the future. [N/A](#)