

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

1. Do you require pet shops to declare they are selling and/or trading puppies / dogs – at either initial application or on renewal?

Answer: No

2. Would a pet shop be required to inform you if they started to sell puppies / dogs mid-way through an annual licence?

Answer: Yes

3. How many pet shops do you license which you know to sell/trade dogs or puppies? Please provide figures since 1 Jan 2010.

Answer: None

4. The European Council regulation EC 1/2005 bans the movement of dogs under the age of 8 weeks, unless accompanied by their mother, when in connection with economic activity (unless in relation veterinary treatment / advice). How does the council apply this regulation to the sale of puppies from pet shops under the age of 8 weeks? Also, how does the council enforce this regulation around the transportation of puppies to pet stores from breeding establishments (regardless of whether the breeding establishments are licensed)?

Answer: Regulation of Licensed breeders

5. When was the most recent date of a council policy review on the subject of pet shop licences?

Answer: This is done annually

6. Are all pet shops inspected by the council prior to the granting of a) the initial licence, b) renewal of licence? Since 1 Jan 2010 have any pet shops been granted a licence to trade without an inspection?

Answer: All pet shops are inspected yearly

7. Do you have a policy of granting tacit consent for pet shop licence applicants? Either on initial application or renewal?

Answer: No

8. Since 1 Jan 2010 have any pet shops received tacit consent to trade without an inspection?

Answer: No

9. What policy does the local authority have in relation to the frequency by which pet shops are - a) informally visited by council officials, b) inspected?

Answer: Pet Animals Act

10. Please provide the job title(s) of the staff members conducting visits / inspections of pet shops?

Answer: Technical Officers and Environmental Health Officers (EHOs)

11. Do vets attend visits and/or inspections? If so please state when a vet would be attend a pet shop i.e. on initial licence application, renewal, or complaint etc?

Answer: Yes on request

12. Do you have a policy of granting tacit consent for applicants for dog breeding establishments, either on initial application or renewal? If you have such a policy of tacit consent, please explain whether this could, even in theory, allow applicants for dog breeding licence to act as though their licence had been granted without a premises inspection taking place

Answer: No

13. Since 1 Jan 2010 have any dog breeding establishments received tacit consent to trade without an inspection?

Answer: No

14. Of the pet shop licences granted, how many were granted to what would be widely regarded as commercial premises (i.e. a property with a shop front) and how many were private residential dwellings being used for pet shop trade? Please provide figures for the period since 1 Jan 2010 for 1) all pet shops and 2) those which you know to sell and/or trade puppies / dogs?

Answer: No pet shops sell puppies

15. Do you request any qualifications or certificates from potential pet shop licence holders?

Answer: For new premises (existing) no – experience

16. Do you ask pet shop licence applicants if they have any restrictions / disqualifications from keeping animals / pet shops / or any other relevant restrictions / disqualifications?

Answer: Yes

17. Since 1 Jan 2010, have you had any reports of pet shops selling puppies underage, or any other complaint about health and/or wellbeing of puppies/dogs? If so, what action was taken?

Answer: No

18. How many complaints were received from members of the public on licensed dog breeding establishments on an annual basis from 2010-2015? Please detail if any sanctions were taken against license holders following these complaints.

Answer: 1 = unwell puppy, breeder sorted it out, no problem found

19. How many dog breeding establishment licences applications were denied, on an annual basis from 2010 – 2015?

Answer: None

20. How much did the council spend on enforcement of non-licensed breeding establishments for the last two years these figures are available for? Where were funds for this enforcement are generated from? If any funding for enforcement of non-licence holders comes from dog breeding licence fees, please provide the exact amount from each licence used for enforcement.

Answer: Not recorded