

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

1. What terms require a breeder to have a breeding licence within your local authority (e.g. if they breed over a specific number of litters)?

Dog breeding is regulated under three pieces of legislation: Breeding of Dogs Act 1973, Breeding of Dogs Act 1991 and the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999. The 1999 Act replaced the threshold at which a breeding establishment needed to be licenced from a place where more than two litters of puppies were born in a 12 month period to a place that was in the business of breeding and selling dogs. The 1999 Act additionally required anyone producing five or more litters from their dogs in a 12 month period to obtain a licence regardless of whether they were in the business of breeding and selling dogs.

In summary anyone “in the business” of breeding and selling dogs (trading) needs to be licenced. Anyone producing five litters or more in a 12 month period also should be licensed regardless of whether they are in the business of breeding and selling dogs.

Two examples of consideration of whether some is trading are:

- (i) **Profit-seeking motive – an intention to make a profit supports trading; and**
- (ii) **The number of transactions involved – systematic and repeated transactions support trade.**

2. Please state the number of breeders in your local authority in 2014 and to date in 2015:

Number of breeders licensed in 2014: 1

Number of breeders licensed in 2015 (to date): 1

3. 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.)?

Yes, inspecting dog housing/breeding facilities

4. Is a visit/inspection carried out when a breeder or breeding establishment is first licensed? **Yes with a Vet**
5. How frequently do they need to renew their license? **Yearly**
6. Are breeders then revisited if they renew their breeding license? **Yes**
7. Please indicate the number of staff within your authority which carry out these inspections/visits: **4**
8. Please state the job title/s of the individual/s who carry out this visit (e.g. environmental officer, vets, etc.)

Environmental Health Officer, Technical Officer, Vet

9. How many breeder visits and/or inspections have been carried out in 2014 and to date in 2015:

Number of breeder visits in 2014: 2

Number of breeders visits in 2015 (to date): 2

10. Have you revoked any breeder licenses in 2014 and to date in 2015? (if yes please provide figures):

Number of breeders' licenses revoked in 2014: No

Number of breeders' licenses revoked in 2015 (so far): No