



My Ref: FOI/4422
Your Ref:
Date: 21/05/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1) How many investigations into illegal dog breeding has your council been involved in during the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025?

Some investigative work in relation to unlicensed dog breeders is carried out without it being specifically captured as data. What we can say is in the financial year 1 April 2024- 31 March 2025 19 allegations of illegal dog breeding were received and investigated.

2) How many prosecutions related to illegal dog breeding were carried out by your council in the same period?

None

3) If available, please also provide the same figures for each individual financial year from 2018–19 to 2023–24.

We do not hold the same information in extractable form for these earlier time periods and to collate this information manually would take the request beyond the time constraints of a Freedom of Information Request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Information Requests Team
PO Box 634

Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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