



My Ref: FOI/ 5080
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: -

Please supply figures for each of the past three calendar years (2022, 2023 and 2024). If your records are held by financial year rather than calendar year, please provide data for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 instead.

If any part of this request would exceed the Section 12 cost limit (£450 for local authorities, calculated at £25 per hour), please process as much of it as possible within that limit, and advise which parts could be refined to remain compliant.

Please provide the following:

**(1) Number of dog-breeding licences currently issued by your authority.
Please see published information:-**

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/zagjozhy/animal-health-licences-foia.pdf>

(2) Number of new licence applications received and number refused each year.
See attached spreadsheet for new applications processed in this period. No applications resulted in refusal. Applications take approximately 8 weeks to process i.e. applications received in October would generally result in licence being issued following year.

(3) Total income received from dog-breeding licence fees each year.

2021/22	£7,290
2023	£3,562
2024	£3,705

(4) Total expenditure on administering and enforcing these licences each year (including officer time, inspections and related costs).

It is not possible to give a fully accurate assessment of this as the officers carrying out licencing inspections carry out the a range of duties, farm visits, welfare visits, disease control strategies plus all the other licenced inspections other than Dog Breeding.

(5) Number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) officers responsible for animal-licensing inspection and enforcement in each year.

Approximately 1 FTE i.e. 2 FTE to carry out all animal welfare duties.

(6) Number of inspections carried out at licensed breeding premises each year.

2022:	14
2023:	13

(7) Number of inspections carried out at unlicensed or suspected breeding premises each year.

We cannot extract this information within the time constraints of a Freedom of Information Request.

(8) Number of dog-breeding licences revoked, suspended, or not renewed each year.

2022 none

2023 1

2024 none

(9) If held, the number of formal investigations or enforcement actions relating to breaches of dog-breeding licence conditions or unlicensed breeding, broken down (where recorded) by:

a. Investigations initiated

Not held

b. Formal warnings / improvement notices issued

None

c. Fixed-penalty notices issued

None

d. Cautions administered

none

e. Prosecutions commenced

None

f. Prosecutions resulting in conviction

N/a

(10) Does the council maintain a public register of licensed dog breeders?

10a. If yes, please provide the URL or explain how the public may access it.

10b. If no, please confirm whether an internal register exists.

See link in question 1

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:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
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Barnsley
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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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