

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

1. How many dog breeding businesses does your local authority currently licence pursuant to the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018?

Answer: 14

2. Please provide a breakdown by licence of the number of 1. breeding female adult dogs, 2. breeding male adult dogs, 3. litters of puppies 4. other (non-breeding) dogs specified on each licence and, 5. the star rating of each licence currently in effect (please provide this information in the format shown below):

Anonymised establishment reference	Number of breeding female adult dogs specified	Number of breeding male adult dogs specified	Number of litters of puppies specified	Number of other (non-breeding) dogs specified	Star rating
a	22	6	2	0	5 (five) STARS
b	5	1	1	6	5 (five) STARS
c	6	2	2	2	1 (one) STAR
d	15	3	Information not held	1	5 (five) STARS
e	3	5	Information not held	1	4 (four) STARS
f	2	0	1	2	5 (five) STARS
g	7	0	Information not held	1	5 (five) STARS
h	2	0	Information not held	6	5 (five) STARS
i	4	0	1	0	2 (two) STARS
j	8	3	Information not held	3	5 (five) STARS
k	2	1	1	1	3 (three) STARS
l	8	1	1	0	5 (five) STARS
m	2	1	1	1	5 (five) STARS
n	5	3	1	1	5 (five) STARS

- 3. Please provide a blank copy of the inspection form/s used by your council during the inspection of dog breeding premises, pursuant to reg 4(2) and reg 10 of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018?**

Answer: Please find attached a blank copy of the Dog Breeding Inspection Report and Risk Scoring Form, as requested.

- 4. For the calendar year 2023, how many dogs (including puppies) did your local authority take into possession, pursuant to s18 Animal Welfare Act 2006?**

Answer: None. All dog welfare issues are referred to the RSPCA.

- 5. In the event your local authority needs to take dogs (including puppies) into possession pursuant to s18 Animal Welfare Act 2006:**

- a. What kennel capacity do you have access to for such eventualities?**

Answer: The Local Authority has kennel capacity with a local rescue centre for 8 dogs at any one time.

- b. Is this capacity provided by a. private kennels, b. an animal welfare charity/charities, or c. other provider?**

Answer: This capacity is provided by an animal welfare charity/charities.