

Derry City & Strabane

District Council

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Ref: FOI / 480

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Ms Sion Mills **Tyrone BT82**

Email: @googlemail.com

Dear Ms

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Guidance on Licensing Fee for **Puppies**

I refer to your FOI request as above.

I would inform you that Dog Licencing in Northern Ireland is governed by The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 and in relation to licensing of puppies the legislation states a licence is not needed for:

a puppy under six months old and kept by the person who was also the keeper of the bitch that gave birth to the puppy

All other puppies must be licensed and microchipped when they change owners. Derry City and Strabane District Council does not have any further corporate guidance in relation to licensing fee for puppies.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie

Chief Executive Derry City and Strabane District Council 98 Strand Road Derry **BT48 7NN** Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow CHESHIRE SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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