

Ref: FOI / 5828

10th July 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request -Animal Activities Licensing

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. As of every April 1 of each year 2020 to 2025 inclusive:

- **For the activity of dog breeding, please provide:**
- **Number of licenses in force**
- **Number of licenses issued in the 12 months up to that point**
- **Number of licenses renewed in the above period**
- **Number of licenses amended, suspended, revoked, or refused in the above period**
- **Number of fines issued regarding licence violations**
- **Number of prosecutions regarding licence violations**
- **Number FTEs inspecting and enforcing licensing**
- **Names of license holders**
- **Average licence fee**

There are no licensed breeding establishments in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area.

2. For the period above, for dog breeding, please provide the following information if held:

- **Average number of breeding bitches per licensed breeder**
- **Average number of puppies born per year per breeder**
- **Average number of staff working directly with breeding bitches (staff ratios)**

N/A

3. Please provide details of the training requirements for FTEs regarding inspecting and enforcing the licensing of the following activities: dog boarding (kennels), home boarding for dogs, dog day care, dog breeding, cat boarding, and selling animals as pets.

N/A

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

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Seamus Donaghy
Head of Health & Community Wellbeing