

Ref: FOI / 5879

22nd July 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Dog Breeding Licences and Enforcement

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

FOUR PAWS UK wish to submit a Freedom of Information request in respect of dog-breeding licences and enforcement in your authority.

1. Number of Licensed Dog Breeders at 31/03/25

Derry City and Strabane District Council have no licensed breeders within our council area.

- The total number of licensed breeders within your authority area on 31/03/25 (to include all dog breeding licence holders irrespective of duration.)
- The numbers of breeders on 31/03/2025 holding 1, 2 and 3 year licences.

2. Applications for dog breeding licences received (between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25):

a.

- **The number of new licence applications received**
- **The number of new licences granted**
- **Number of new licence applications refused and reasons for refusal**

b.

- **The number of licence renewal applications received**
- **The number of licence renewals granted**

- **Number of renewal licence applications refused and reasons for refusal.**

N/A

3. Inspections undertaken in relation to holders of dog breeding licences between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25

- **The total number of initial (for grant or refusal) compliance inspections undertaken on application (both (a) new and (b) renewal).**
- **Number of interim compliance inspections undertaken**

N/A

4. Complaints received about dog breeding between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25

- a. The number of allegations and/or complaints received about unlicensed breeders**

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- b. The number of allegations and/or complaints received about licensed breeders**

NA

- c. Number of follow-up inspections and/or visits carried out due to those allegations/complaints (for both (i) licensed and (ii) unlicensed breeders).**

- i. N/A
- ii. 5 – not substantiated as a breeder

- **Number of breeders whose licence was revoked/suspended as a result of complaints/allegations.**

N/A

- **Number of subsequent investigations undertaken by means of visits to the breeder**

N/A

- **Number of subsequent investigations undertaken by other means.**

N/A

- **Number not investigated.**

N/A

5. Enforcement actions in relation to dog breeding licence holders between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25

- **Number of licences revoked and reasons for revocation**
- **Number of licences suspended and reasons for suspension**
- **Number of prosecutions in relation to licence holders, including reasons for prosecution and outcomes**
- **Number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served per premises and reasons for FPN's.**
- **Number of Improvement Notices served per premises**

NA

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 reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Seamus Donaghy

Head of Health & Community Wellbeing