



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-337, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

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.

Please provide the following:

- 1) Number of dog-breeding licences currently issued by your authority
- 2) Number of new licence applications received, and number refused each year.
- 3) Total income received from dog-breeding licence fees each year.
- 4) Total expenditure on administering and enforcing these licences each year (including officer time, inspections and related costs).
- 5) Number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) officers responsible for animal-licensing inspection and enforcement in each year.
- 6) Number of inspections carried out at licensed breeding premises each year.
- 7) Number of inspections carried out at unlicensed or suspected breeding premises each year.
- 8) Number of dog-breeding licences revoked, suspended, or not renewed each year.
- 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
 - b. Formal warnings / improvement notices issued
 - c. Fixed-penalty notices issued
 - d. Cautions administered
 - e. Prosecutions commenced
 - f. Prosecutions resulting in conviction
- 10) Does the council maintain a public register of licensed dog breeders? **Yes**
 - 10a. If yes, please provide the URL or explain how the public may access it.
[Public register - Issued only Sept.xlsx](#)
 - 10b. If no, please confirm whether an internal register exists.

Response:

	2022	2023	2024
1) Number of dog-breeding licences currently issued by your authority	49	39	31
2) Number of new licence applications received, and number refused each year.	2, 1	0	2, 1
3) Total income received from dog-breeding licence fees each year.	£9,669	£8,387	£7,471
4) Total expenditure on administering and enforcing these licences each year (including officer time, inspections and related costs).	£18,466	£15,786	£6,015
5) Number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) officers responsible for animal-licensing inspection and enforcement in each year.	1	1	1
6) Number of inspections carried out at licensed breeding premises each year.	16	9	5
7) Number of inspections carried out at unlicensed or suspected breeding premises each year.	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
8) Number of dog-breeding licences revoked, suspended, or not renewed each year.	2	1	3
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 b. Formal warnings / improvement notices issued c. Fixed-penalty notices issued d. Cautions administered e. Prosecutions commenced f. Prosecutions resulting in conviction	1 investigation initiated 1 improvement notice issued 1 formal warning issued 1 prosecution resulting in conviction	2 investigations initiated	1 investigation

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-337.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.