



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-332, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Is your stray dog service outsourced and if it is, I would like to request a copy of the last winning tender.

- Does your authority have a full dog warden service, or simply deal with strays?
We employ a full-time dog warden who picks up and transports strays to the kennels. They also deal with other dog related issues such as environmental crime, noise, ASB (in conjunction with other agencies), welfare (in conjunction with other agencies) and licensing (to support our licensing officers when required).
- When did the contract start and when does it end?
We have a contract with Wood Green, the Animals Charity to accept strays 24/7 and to kennel them for either return to owner or if not reclaimed they are passed to the charity's ownership. Started 10/05/2021. Ends 09/05/2026.
- How many people quoted / Tendered for the current contract.
- **The local RSPCA site was approached to identify if they would be able to provide the service but declined.**
- Who provides your kennelling? Are they licensed? If so, what star rating do they hold?
No license as they are a charity.
- Is your Kennel contract direct with the authority or supplied by the stray dog contractor as part of the contract?
Direct.

How much did you spend on kennelling for the years:

- 1/4/2020 to 31/03/2021 **£8,163**
- 1/4/2021 to 31/3/22 **£7,447**
- 1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023 **£8,100**

How much did you spend on your stray dog service for the following years and please advise if this cost includes kennel fees.

- 1/4/2020 to 31/03/2021 **£31755 (inc. KF)**
- 1/4/2021 to 31/3/22 **£32,179 (inc. KF)**
- 1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023 **£34,783 (inc. KF)**

For the above date range, please itemise.

- How many reports of stray dogs you dealt with.

How many stray dogs you collected?

- How many of these were reclaimed by their owners?
- How many were rehomed?
- How many were euthanized?

	1/4/2020 - 31/03/2021	1/4/2021 - 31/3/22	1/4/2022 - 31/3/2023
Stray dog numbers	25	28	61
Reclaimed	11	13	11
Rehomed	13	15	48
Euthanised	1	0	2

How many complaints have you received about your stray dog service for the following years.

- 1/4/2020 to 31/03/2021 **0**
- 1/4/2021 to 31/3/22 **1**
- 1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023 **0**

Response:

Please see responses above in red.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-332.

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.

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