



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-121, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding a question I have about dog breeding licences.

1. Is it legal for someone who has a dog breeding licence to retain legal ownership of a dog and hold breeding rights over that dog, but for the dog to live in another location (not the address listed on the licence) with another family/person i.e. a proxy owner (also not listed on the licence)?
2. If this is allowed, would the number of dogs held at other locations with proxy owners be included in the number of dogs listed on the licence?
3. In this scenario would the licensee be able to sell puppies from this dog that is kept at a separate location?
4. Would a breeding licence be issued for any of the above scenarios? Would a different licence be needed to carry this out (e.g. a pet shop licence)?
5. What advice would the council give to someone who is seeking to do the above when applying for a dog breeding licence?

**Response:**

We do not hold the requested information, as this does not fall under the Statutory Guidance '[Dog Breeding Licensing: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities](#)'. We suggest that you seek independent legal advice.

In respect of those requests that were answered in full or partially and the total refused please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

**Section 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held**

- c) State why the exemption applies:

**Regulation 12 (4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.**

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-121.

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](mailto: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.