



Homes England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 23 November 2023

Our Ref: RFI4536

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4536

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

(All data/information is to be within the date range of December 2022 - to the most current report to date (01-11-2023)).

- The number of cats and dogs 'rescued' off the street and brought into animal shelters or brought to the attention of any public authority responsible for animal welfare.
- The number of animal shelters or welfare centers registered in London and Kent.
- The number of animal shelters with a kill policy versus those with a non-kill policy.
- The number of cats and dogs successfully rehomed each year by shelters or any public body.
- The number of households having registered interest in adoption / foster care of dogs and cats in London
- The number of pet owners in London and Kent and the number of households registered as having at least one dog or cat.

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

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The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty, we are able to confirm that we do not and would not hold any information in relation to animal welfare. Homes England is the government's housing and regeneration agency that delivers homes. We therefore advise that you redirect your request to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs via the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.





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Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

