



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 16 April 2024

Our Ref: RFI4679

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4679

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:

Following up on our previous correspondence in Q1 2023 regarding dog breeding licence protocols within your authority, we are reaching out again to request further information to complete our data for the entire year of 2023. This continued engagement aims to enhance our understanding and ensure our records are as current and comprehensive as possible. We kindly request the following additional information:

- 1. Number of Licensed Breeders: The total number of licensed breeders within your authority as of the end of 2023.**
- 2. Licence Applications and Approvals for 2023:**
 - The number of new licence applications received in 2023.
 - The number of new licences approved in 2023.
 - The number of licence renewal applications received in 2023.
 - The number of licence renewals approved in 2023.
- 3. Inspections:**
 - The total number of inspections undertaken in 2023.
- 4. Licence Revocations:**
 - Details of any licences that were revoked during 2023, including the reasons for revocation.

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5. Complaints:

- The number of complaints received in 2023 related to licensed breeders.
- The nature of these complaints and any subsequent actions taken.

6. Litters Recorded:

- The total number of litters and puppies in each litter recorded by each licence holder in 2023.

Your assistance in providing this updated and additional information is greatly appreciated and will significantly contribute to our ongoing research efforts. Should you have any queries or need further clarification regarding our request, please feel free to contact us.

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Estates team who would have the requested information if held.

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.

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 Homes England are not a local authority and dog licenses are not something we have any involvement with.





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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.

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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.

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/>





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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

