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How many dog breeders are currently licensed by your council?

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How do you assess compliance with the dog breeding licence condition set out in sch 6, para 8(5) of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 ("LAIAR"), which states, "No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, conformation, behaviour or state of health, that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring"?

We assess as per the Scottish Government guidance, consider the Kennel Club requirements, ensure that there is no cross breeding and the checking veterinary certificates of the breeding animals

Please advise:

How many instances of non-compliance with sch 6, para 8(5) of LAIAR has your council recorded since September 2021?

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How many dog breeding licences have been i. refused, ii. varied, iii. suspended or iv. revoked by your council due to non-compliance with sch 6, para 8(5) of LAIAR since September 2021?

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How many operators have been i. prosecuted for and ii. convicted of an offence contrary to reg 23(1)(a) LAIAR by your council for breaching the dog breeding licence condition contained in sch 6, para 8(5) LAIAR?

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If applicable, what penalties were imposed on any convicted operators referred to in your response to 3(c)?

N/A

With reference to your answer to question 3(a) above, if any instances of non-compliance were recorded, please indicate the grounds upon which the operator was found to be in breach of sch 6, para 8(5) LAIAR?

N/A

Please provide copies of any internal policies relating to the enforcement and implementation of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

This information is not held.

For all dog breeding licences issued or refused in the past three years, please provide copies of inspection forms held.

If inspection reports are not held (e.g because inspections are carried out by another local authority or regulatory service on your council's behalf) please provide the name of the authority / service provider that holds this information.

Completed inspection forms will not be provided. The information contained in the completed inspection sheet may be commercially sensitive or otherwise have an impact on the business. The operator would not expect information relating to their business to be released into the public domain and, to do so, would jeopardise the trust and good will between the Council and the business. This may result in the business being less willing to participate in this necessary process.

There is also a concern that the data contained within the inspection report may be used for nefarious purposes.