

58721 Rabbit Breeding Licences (2022–2025)

Please provide data for the period: 1 January 2022 to the date of response.

For clarity, please provide the following:

Licensing Data

For each year (2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date):

The number of rabbit breeding licence applications received.

The number of licences granted.

The number of licences refused.

The number of licences renewed.

The number of active licences currently in force.

[None in all requested years.](#)

Inspections

For each year (2022–2025):

The number of pre-licence inspections conducted.

The number of routine / scheduled inspections conducted.

The number of reactive inspections (complaints or welfare concerns).

Whether inspections were carried out by:

Council animal welfare inspectors

External contractors

Veterinary surgeons

Other (please specify)

[None in all requested years. Inspections would be carried out by the Council's animal welfare inspector or by a veterinarian when required.](#)

Complaints & Welfare Concerns

For each year:

The number of public complaints received regarding rabbit breeding, welfare, or sale.

[None in all requested years.](#)

The number of complaints that resulted in:

Investigation

No further action

Referral to the SSPCA

Joint investigations

Not applicable.

Copies of all policies or internal guidance followed when investigating rabbit-related welfare complaints (if available).

Please see attached.

Enforcement Activity

For each year:

The number of warnings issued.

The number of improvement notices issued.

The number of licences suspended, varied, or revoked.

The number of prosecutions or cases referred for prosecution.

Any enforcement action taken against unlicensed breeders.

None in all requested years.

Monitoring & Data Recording

Whether your council actively monitors or investigates potential unlicensed rabbit breeding activity.

Any complaints or reports of unlicensed activity are actioned and responded to.

Whether your council keeps registries, spreadsheets, databases, or logs relating to rabbit breeding investigations or inspections.

Any information gathered in relation to investigations or inspections is recorded and retained on the Council's systems.

Document Request

Please provide copies of:

Any local guidance, protocols, or standard operating procedures relating to rabbit breeding licence assessments, inspections, and enforcement.

Any internal or external reports reviewing implementation of the 2021 Regulations.

The implementation of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 was reported to the Council's Regulatory Committee on 31/03/2022.

Information on the rabbit breeding licensing fees and application process can be found on our website.