

## 59032 Licensing of Animal Welfare Establishments

I am requesting information held by your authority in relation to The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

This request covers:

Part 1: General questions about inspectors and public registers regarding animal welfare establishments

Part 2: Operating an Animal Welfare Establishment

As per the licensing regulations, in this request, an animal welfare establishment refers to 'a place, or places, in Scotland where—

(a) relevant animals that have been abandoned or otherwise separated from their keeper including as a result of a relevant relinquishment or a relevant seizure, or

(b) sick, injured or captured relevant animals that were previously living in a wild state, are kept for their care.'

### **Part 1: General questions about inspectors and public registers regarding animal welfare establishments**

The number of inspectors currently employed for the purpose of inspecting animal welfare establishments.

One

The minimum qualification requirements for individuals conducting inspections of animal welfare establishments.

Any Inspector appointed to undertake the inspections of animal welfare establishments will be suitably experienced and qualified to do so and have a sound understanding of animal welfare. As a minimum, appointed Inspectors should have completed an industry recognised animal health and welfare course and have at least one year of experience in undertaking animal health/welfare related inspections.

Whether those carrying out animal welfare establishment inspections have responsibilities beyond animal welfare (e.g., pest control, alcohol licensing).

Yes

- a. Please outline any additional areas of responsibility.

Additional responsibilities include farm inspections, attendance at fairs and markets, border inspections, civic licensing, petroleum enforcement, and firework/explosives regulatory work. The Inspection Officer currently in the post also acts as Secretary for the East Region of Scotland Animal Health Panel, member of the Scottish Animal Health Panel Group (Animal Diseases) and a group member for the Regional Resilience Partnership for animal health in Scotland.

- b. Please provide the job titles for individuals conducting such inspections.

## Higher Enforcement Officer

Whether a public register of licensed animal welfare establishments is available on your website.

Yes

- a. If yes, please provide a direct link to the register.

The 'Animal Welfare' Licensing Register can be found on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13239/licensing-registers-civic>

- b. If not, please state why this information is not made publicly available.

Not applicable

## Part 2: Operating an Animal Welfare Establishment

Total number of new licences issued for animal welfare establishments since September 2021:

- a. Duration (in years) of these licences

Please refer to the attached register of Animal Welfare Establishment licence applications including licence commencement and expiry dates where relevant, and the type of animals to be held. Licences are normally granted for a period of one year.

- b. Species of domestic pet covered by the licence

Please refer to the attached register of Animal Welfare Establishment licence applications including licence commencement and expiry dates where relevant, and the type of animals to be held.

Total number of animal welfare establishment licence renewals since September 2021:

- a. Duration (in years) of these renewals

Please refer to the attached register of Animal Welfare Establishment licence applications including licence commencement and expiry dates where relevant, and the type of animals to be held. Licences are normally granted for a period of one year.

Number of animal welfare establishment inspections required but yet to be carried out.

Two

Number of new animal welfare establishment licence applications declined since September 2021, including for each:

- a. The species concerned

No such applications have been declined in this period. Not applicable.

- b. Reason(s) for refusal

As above, not applicable.

Number of renewal animal welfare establishment licence applications declined since September 2021, including for each:

- a. The species concerned

No such applications have been declined in this period. Not applicable.

- b. Reason(s) for refusal

As above, not applicable.

The total cost of a licence for an animal welfare establishment.

Current Animal Welfare Establishment Licence fees are published on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/23569/civic-licence-fees>

**Additional Information:**

Where possible, please provide any policy or guidance documents regarding inspector qualifications, responsibilities, or inspection processes.

Guidance on Animal Welfare Establishment licence application process can be found on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1486168/animal-welfare-establishments>

If you hold any other relevant information regarding licensing or inspection of animal welfare establishments not specifically requested above, please include this as well.

Not applicable.