

59766 Inspectors, Public Registers and Rehoming Activities

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

This request is a continuation of an earlier FOI submitted to your authority on 3rd December 2025 regarding animal welfare establishments (59032). We are seeking further details on a similar topic to complement the data you previously made available.

This request covers:

Part 1: General questions about inspectors and public registers regarding animal rehoming activities

Part 2: Engaging in animal rehoming activities (other than in the course of operating an animal welfare establishment)

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The number of inspectors currently employed for the purpose of inspecting individuals or organisations carrying out rehoming activities.

One.

What are the minimum qualification requirements for individuals conducting inspections of rehoming activities?

Any inspector appointed to undertake the inspection is suitably experienced and qualified to do so and has 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 rehoming activities inspections have responsibilities beyond animal welfare (e.g., pest control, alcohol licensing).

- a. Please outline any additional areas of responsibility.

All aspects of Animal Health and Welfare work, Farm Inspections, Petroleum, Health and Safety, Explosives and Fireworks, Civic Licensing.

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

Higher Enforcement Officer.

Whether a public register of rehoming activities is available on your website.

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

The Animal Rehoming Activities Licensing Register can be found on our website at:

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

Please refer to 'Animal Boarding' and 'Animal Welfare'.

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

Not applicable.

Part 2: Engaging in Animal Rehoming Activities

Total number of licences issued for rehoming activities involving domestic animals since September 2021:

- a. Number of new licences issued

Please refer to the attached register of Animal Rehoming Activities licence applications including licence commencement and expiry dates where relevant, and the type of animals to be rehomed.

- b. Duration (in years) of these licences

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- c. Number of renewal licences granted

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- d. Duration (in years) of renewal licences

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- e. Species of domestic pet to which the rehoming licence applies

Please refer to the attached register of Animal Rehoming Activities licence applications including licence commencement and expiry dates where relevant, and the type of animals to be rehomed.

Number of rehoming activities inspections required but yet to be carried out under the Regulations, and the species covered.

One – Dogs.

Number of rehoming activities licence applications for domestic animals declined since September 2021, including for each declined application:

- a. The species concerned
- b. Reason(s) for refusal

There were none declined in this period. Not applicable.

The total cost to an individual or organisation for a rehoming activities licence.

The relevant fee list can be found on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1506407/animal-rehoming-activities>

Additional Information:

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

Please refer to the links provided below.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2021/9780111048474>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/animal-welfare-licensing-activities-involving-animals-scotland-regulations-2021-guidance-animal-welfare-establishments/>

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

Guidance on Animal Rehoming Activities licence application process can be found on our website at:

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