

Welsh Government and Welsh Heads of Public Protection

Partnership Delivery Plan

Welsh Government - Dog Breeding Review

The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 – Data capture exercise

Section 1 – General Information

1.1 Name of Council: Caerphilly County Borough Council

1.2 Name of person completing questionnaire:

1.3 Position:

1.4 Telephone Number:

1.5 Email address:

1.6 What Team in your Council carries out the dog breeding licensing inspections?
Trading Standards

1.7 What is the title of your officers who carry out dog breeding licensing inspections?
Senior Fair Trading Officers

1.8 What does your Council charge for a Dog Breeding licence? £231.00 Commercial £ 138 Home (2016 – 2017)

Section 2 - Information about your licensed premises

2.1 Total number of dog breeders licensed by your council on 1 December 2014: 1
1 December 2015: 1
1 December 2016: 1

Comment [BA(-01):

Do you know if any of the following factors caused an increase or loss of the number of breeders licensed by your council over the last years?

2.2 Have any of your breeders recently retired? – No

2.3 Any reasons given for their decision to retire?: N/ A

2.4 Has there been an increase in the number of people applying for a dog breeding license without a previous contact by your Council - No

2.6 Did those voluntarily applying for a license give any reason what prompted them to apply for a dog breeding license? No

2.7 Has your Council found unlicensed breeders by checking adverts selling puppies –No. Ongoing monitoring is taking place and a number of people have been identified as possible breeders.

2.8 What reasons did these unlicensed breeders give you for their failure to apply for a license?
Those approached to date have denied having reached the threshold that would require them to be licensed. Their activities continue to be monitored.

2.9 Are there any other reasons for the increase or decrease in licensees that you would like to mention?

Whilst people are not applying for licences our monitoring exercise appears to show an increase in the number of puppies being advertised for sale in the borough. It is believed that the sale of puppies may provide an additional source of revenue to persons on benefit.

Section 3 - Please list every breeder licensed by you in one of the following categories

Range	State actual number of dogs licensed at premises in 2016	If the premise was licensed in 2015 how many dogs were licensed at that time.	Number of full time attendants at the premises	Number of part time attendants at the premises	Maximum number of puppies estimated by the licensee	Does this dealer sell to the public, to a dealer or do you not know?	Does the premises have a retirement policy in place for their breeding dogs?
Less than 5	Premise N/A						
5 – 10 dogs:	Premises: Pantymilah Farm Holly bush NP12 0SR 9 dogs	1	2	1	26	To the public	Yes
11 – 20 dogs:	Premise N/A						
21 – 50 dogs:	Premise N/A						
51 – 100 dogs:	Premise N / A						

101 plus dogs:	Premise N / A						
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Section 4 - Staff to dog ratio

4.1 Prior to the new Dog Breeding Regulations did any of your licensed premises exceed the 20 to 1 staff ratio? No

4.2 If you answer yes to 4.1 how many?

4.3 Has the staff to dog ratio caused any issues to licensing any of your premises? No

4.4 If you answered yes to question 4.3, can you state what has been the issue:

4.5 How do you check whether the staff ratio stipulated on the licence is being correctly adhered to by the licensee?
Discussed and checked during annual inspections.

4.6 Do you have anything to add about the staff ratio?
No this does not appear to be an issue with our licensed breeders.

Section 5 - Retirement policy

5.1 Do you believe that it is important that a licensed dog breeder has a detailed, credible retirement plan for their breeding dogs?
Yes

5.2 Do you have any comments to question 5.1 ?:
One of the breeders in this council area keeps their retired bitches as pets. The other breeder re homes them.

Section 6 - Health Checks

6.1 Do you require your licensees to supply an annual health check for their breeding dogs before you will issue a dog breeding license? Yes

6.2 Please say why you require or do not require the health check? To ensure that the breeding bitches are healthy to be bred from.

Section 7 - Enhancement and enrichment and socialisation plans

7.1 Have you refused to accept any Enhancement / Enrichment and the Socialisation Plans because they are inadequate?
No

7.2 If you have refused to accept any of these Plans can you expand on the reasons why you considered them inadequate N/a

7.3 How do you check that the licensee is delivering what they say in their Enhancement / Enrichment and the Socialisation Plans?
By discussing with the breeder. In addition during the inspection various aspects of the plans have been witnessed.

Section 8 - Exercise of dogs

8.1 Do you check that breeding dogs kept at licensed premises are adequately exercised? Yes

8.2 If yes, how do you check that this is being carried out?

. It is discussed during inspection and the dogs are seen and appear to be fit and healthy.

Section 9 - Statutory guidance

9.1 Do you have any comments regarding the Statutory Guidance provided by Welsh Government?

The guidance worked well as an aide memoire on our visits .The Enhancement and Enrichment and the Socialisation of Puppies was well explained and was helpful when given advise to the dog breeder.

Section 10 - Enforcement action against licensees

10.1 Have you have carried out any formal enforcement action against any of your dog breeding licensees in the last 24 months?

No. However one of our current Licensees applied for a licence recently due to the fact that she was being investigated (and subsequently prosecuted) for being an unlicensed dog breeder.

10.2 Please indicate what enforcement action you took against these licensees. See point 10.1

10.3 Please indicate the number of license applications you initially rejected in the last 24 months? None

10.4 Please indicate why you initially rejected these applications N/A

10.5 Do you have any person you believe may require a dog breeding license that you are currently refusing to issue a license?
No

10.6 Please indicate if you have issued a warning letter to any of your licensees No – However refer to 10.1 above.

10.7 If you have issued a warning letter, please provide brief details why this was necessary. N/A. However during the investigation referred to in point 10.1 above informal warnings were issued advising of the dog breeding licensing requirements.

10.8 Please indicate if you have issued a suspension to any of your licensees No

10.9 If you have issued a suspension, please provide brief details why this was necessary N/A

Section 11 - Enforcement action against breeders that are not licensed

11.1 Do you regularly look for unlicensed dog breeders within your county? Yes

11.2 How do you look for these potential unlicensed breeders?

On line monitoring 4 websites - Gum Tree, Pre loved, Free Ads, Pets 4 Homes

11.3 How many have you found in the last 12 months?

1 and potentially 2 others

11.4 How many have now been licensed?

1

11.5 How many are still under investigation?

2

11.6 Are you taking or considering action against any other these?

Ongoing monitoring and potential investigation into 1.

Section 12 – Any other comments or relevant information



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