

Dog Breeding Licence Guidance

Before being granted a licence the applicant must be able to demonstrate to the Council's Licensing Inspector:

- That the dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation that is suitable in respect of construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness.
- That the dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised, and (so far as is necessary) visited at suitable intervals.
- That all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread amongst the dogs of infectious or contagious diseases, including the provision of isolation facilities.
- That appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency, including the provision of suitable and sufficient fire fighting equipment.
- That all appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment.
- A licence may be refused or withheld on other grounds if those grounds are such that conditions are not suitable for the breeding of dogs.
- Each licence is subject to standard conditions that are imposed on all dog-breeding establishments licensed by the Council.
- In addition to the standard conditions a licence may also contain special conditions that are only applicable to your premises.

Your right to appeal

Any person aggrieved by a refusal to be granted a licence or by any condition to which a licence is subject may appeal to the Magistrates Court and the Courts may give such directions regarding the licence or its conditions as it thinks proper.

Offences and penalties

The following offences apply to the breeding of dogs.

1. Anybody found guilty of keeping a dog breeding establishment without a licence may be subject to a fine not exceeding £2,500.

2. Anybody found guilty of failing to comply with the conditions of their licence may be subject to a fine not exceeding £2,500.
3. Anybody found guilty of obstructing or delaying an Inspector or authorised Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Practitioner in the exercising of their powers may be fined up to a maximum of £1,000.

If found guilty under this Act, the defendant's licence may be cancelled and they may be disqualified from keeping a dog breeding establishment for such length of time as the Court thinks fit.

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