

Survey of local authorities about the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

The RSPCA is gathering information about the regulation of various animal activities in England. We are doing this to gauge how the 2018 Regulations are working in practice, assess their impact on animal welfare and identify any issues and areas requiring improvement. Anonymised findings from this survey will be published and sent to Defra; no individual local authority will be identified.

We would be very grateful if you could complete this short survey.

The survey should be completed by someone who is responsible for licensing animal activities. This includes dog and cat boarding, dog breeding, riding establishments, pet selling and animal exhibits.

1. Please can you provide the name of your local authority and your department

Council name: North West Leicestershire DC	Department: Pest Control (Environmental Health)
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2. How many Officers have been trained in the new legislation and its implementation?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- >4
- None yet, but training has been planned/booked

3. In 2018, how many certificates were on your register in total that had been issued under the Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925?

4. In 2018, 2019 and 2020, how many licences did you issue for the following activities and licence terms under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018?

	2018			2019			2020		
	1 year	2 year	3 year	1 year	2 year	3 year	1 year	2 year	3 year
Dog breeding					2	6			
Cat boarding				3	2	3	1		3
Dog boarding (kennels)				3	2	3	1	1	1
Dog boarding (home)				2	4	16			1
Dog day care									
Hiring out horses					2	3			
Selling pets					1	5		1	
Animals for exhibition						2			

5. Of the licences issued in 2018, 2019 and 2020, how many operators were given each of the following star ratings?

	2018					2019					2020				
	1 star	2 star	3 star	4 star	5 star	1 star	2 star	3 star	4 star	5 star	1 star	2 star	3 star	4 star	5 star
Dog breeding							2		2	5					1
Cat boarding						2		2	1						
Dog boarding (kennels)						4		3		7					

Dog boarding (home)						2	1	2	5	15			1		1
Dog day care															
Hiring out horses									2	3					
Selling animals as pets								1		5			1		

6. How many licences have you had to refuse or revoke because minimum standards were not achieved?

	2018		2019		2020	
	Refuse	Revoke	Refuse	Revoke	Refuse	Revoke
Dog breeding						1
Cat boarding						
Dog boarding (kennels)						
Dog boarding (home)						
Dog day care						
Hiring out horses						
Selling pets						
Animals for exhibition						

7. How do you think the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 have impacted on animal welfare?

	Improved a lot	Improved slightly	Remained the same	Slightly worse	A lot worse
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Breeding dogs			X		
Boarding cats			X		
Boarding dogs (kennels)			X		
Boarding dogs (home)			X		
Day care for dogs			X		
Hiring out horses			X		
Selling pets			X		
Animals for exhibition			X		
The Licensing Regulations overall				X	

8. Are there any other activities involving animals that you feel could benefit from being licensed under the 2018 Regulations? If so please list here.

Dog walkers and dog groomers

9. Please use this space here to add any additional information and your name and email address if you are happy to be contacted by the RSPCA to be asked for further information, or to receive information on this issue.

Thank you for your time.