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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 570/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request /Response:

Dogs Trust will be conducting a research project to better understand the pet dog population in the UK. At present, the UK has very little knowledge regarding our pet dog population. Based on public surveys, previous estimates of population size have varied between 8.5 - 11.6 million. However, these surveys are costly initiatives, and as such, participant numbers remain constrained. This has led to significant knowledge gaps and unreliable pet dog population estimates. As such, the Research Team at Dogs Trust are currently looking to explicitly estimate of the UK pet dog population.

We ask that you provide the following information regarding dog breeding licences issued by your council. All data requests are per annum, from 2006 – 2016. This data will be hugely beneficial to the project, as we will be able to obtain the UK dog population growth rate, which will allow for comprehensive statistical analysis.

Questions regarding all dog breeding licences

1. Number of first-time applications for a dog breeding licence, per year from 2006 – 2016.

Answer: There were no first-time applications for a dog breeding licence, per year from 2006 – 2016.

2. The fee charged for a first-time application, per year from 2006 – 2016 (including inspection fees).

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

3. Number of renewal applications for a dog breeding licence, per year from 2006 – 2016.

Answer: There were no renewal applications for a dog breeding licence, per year from 2006 – 2016.

4. The fee charged for a renewal application, per year from 2006 – 2016 (including inspection fees).

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information going back to 2016 or earlier.

5. Number of applications refused for a dog breeding licence, per year from 2006 – 2016 (with reasons for refusal if possible).

Answer: No applications were refused for a dog breeding licence, per year from 2006 – 2016.

6. Number of dog breeding licences issued, per year from 2006 – 2016.

Answer: No dog breeding licences were issued, per year from 2006 – 2016.

7. Number of dog breeding licensed establishments with quarantine or isolation facilities, per year from 2006 – 2016.

Answer: There were no dog breeding licensed establishments with quarantine or isolation facilities, per year from 2006 – 2016.

8. Number of dog breeding licensed establishments, per year from 2006 – 2016, with majority: A) natural light, B) artificial light, or C) a combination of both.

Answer: There were no dog breeding licensed establishments, per year from 2006 – 2016, with majority natural light, artificial light, or a combination of both.

9. Number of dog breeding licensed establishments, per year from 2006 – 2016, with the following accommodation: A) wholly indoors, B) wholly outdoors, or C) a combination of both.

Answer: There were no dog breeding licensed establishments, per year from 2006 – 2016, with wholly indoors accommodation, wholly outdoors accommodation, or a combination of both.

10. Number of dog breeding licensed establishment, per year from 2006 – 2016, with the following breeding establishments: A) domestic, B) non-domestic, or C) a combination of both.

Answer: There were no dog breeding licensed establishment, per year from 2006 – 2016, for domestic, non-domestic, or a combination of both, breeding establishments.

More specific questions regarding each dog breeding licensed establishment, per year, from 2006 –2016:

11. The number, age and breed of all breeding bitches, in each dog breeding licensed establishment.

Answer: Not Applicable

12. The breed(s) of dog(s) concerned, in each dog breeding licensed establishment.

Answer: Not Applicable

13. Number of kennels, in each dog breeding licensed establishment.

Answer: Not Applicable

14. The total number of dogs kept above 9 months of age, in each dog breeding licensed establishment.

Answer: Not Applicable

15. The number of litters produced, at each dog breeding licensed establishment.

Answer: Not Applicable

16. The total number of puppies born, in each dog breeding licensed establishment.

Answer: Not Applicable

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