FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 151/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

The information requested below refers to new applications and renewals considered between 1 October 2018 to 4 February 2019 for the purpose of selling animals as pets only and to the Defra Guidance notes for conditions for selling animals as pets

1. In total how many commercial businesses selling animals as pets do you licence? (insert number)

Answer:
Rutland County Council has no licences issued under the new Regulations but has an application pending assessment.

2. Please insert the number of licences issued in each category below using the category which best describes the business type and the species sold:

Answer:
Not Applicable

3. Have you extended any licences issued last year when it was due for renewal? If so, for how long?

Answer:
Not Applicable

4. What competency/training do your inspectors have to carry out this type of licencing?

Answer:
Not Applicable

5. Since 1 October 2018 on how many visits were inspectors accompanied by a vet?

Answer:
Not Applicable

6. How many licences have been issued with conditions that are NOT included in the Guidance for selling animals as pets (state number). Please specify additional conditions.

Answer:
Not Applicable
7a. How many licenses were not renewed? Please specify reasons for non-renewal

Answer: None

7b. How many licenses were refused? Please specify reasons for non-renewal

Answer: Not Applicable

7c. How many businesses stopped selling animals as a result?

Answer: None

7d. How many of businesses that were refused a licence took advantage of your appeals process and were subsequently licenced?

Answer: Not Applicable

8. In the blank boxes in the following table please indicate the number of licences issued in each category of the star rating Scoring Matrix:

Answer: Not Applicable

9. What was the most consistent reason for a business failing to achieve a 4 or 5 star rating? (tick the relevant ones)

Answer: Not Applicable

10. On average, how long did each inspection process last in:

Answer: Not Applicable

11. What is the total maximum cost of an Animal Activities Licence for selling animals as pets under the 2018 Regulations, including any inspection, administration or other charges?

Answer:
The fee for Part A to be paid with the application is £288, plus unknown vet fee if a dangerous wild animal (DWA) is on site.  
Part B of the fee is paid upon issue of the licence and is as follows:

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<td>£326</td>
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<td>3 year licence</td>
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Therefore the fee for a 1 year pet shop licence with no dangerous wild animals would be £288 plus £251, totalling £539.  
The part A fee on renewal is £205 plus the part B fee.
12. Do you charge a different fee for a two or three year licence?

Answer:
Please refer to our response to Question 11.

13. Please rate what impact you consider the new licensing process has had in each of the following areas:

Answer:

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If a significant increase do you think this will continue?

Answer:
No

14. Did you find the Defra document *Guidance notes for the selling of animals as pets* useful?

Answer:
Yes, in parts.

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