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: Pembrokeshire County Council

1.2 Name of person completing questionnaire: [redacted]

1.3 Position: Animal Health & Welfare Officer

1.4 Telephone Number: [redacted]

1.5 Email address:

1.6 What Team in your Council carries out the dog breeding licensing inspections? Animal Health & Welfare Team

1.7 What is the title of your officers who carryout dog breeding licensing inspections? Animal Health & Welfare Inspectors

1.8 What does your Council charge for a Dog Breeding license? £341.00

Section 2 - Information about your licensed premises

2.1 Total number of dog breeders licensed by your council on 1 December 2014:17
1 December 2015:13
1 December 2016:13

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? – Yes /No Yes - 4

2.3 Any reasons given for their decision to retire ?: Deceased / Aged & too much work to do to premises to comply with new legislation

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 - Yes / No One breeder

2.6 Did those voluntarily applying for a license give any reason what prompted them to apply for a dog breeding license? None

2.7 Has your Council found unlicensed breeders by checking adverts selling puppies – Yes / No YES

2.8 What reasons did these unlicensed breeders give you for their failure to apply for a license? Breeders not aware of new legislation and thought the number of dogs were under the legislation requirements. A lot quoting English regulations.
Incorrect advice from the Kennel club : bitch / litter numbers quoted incorrectly, accredited breeders don't need to be licenced by Local Authority.

2.9 Are there any other reasons for the increase or decrease in licensees that you would like to mention?
Lowering the threshold of breeding bitches catches more potential commercial breeders.

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 breeder 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 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 – 10 dogs:	Premise 1.-10 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	0	2	0	26	public only	yes

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11 – 20 dogs:	Premise 1.-14 2.-15 3.-20 4.-12 5.-16 6.-14 7. 8.	14 15 20 0 20 14	2 1 1 2 0 2	0 3 0 0 2 1	9 12 9-12 12 25 6	Public Public Public Public Both Dealer	Rehomed Rehomed Sold Retained Sold Rescue
21 – 50 dogs:	Premise 1.-25 2.-50 3.-35 4.-34 5.-24 6. 7. 8.	32 50 35 40 24	1 2 3 2 1	1 1 3 0 2	30 30-40 30 25 15	Dealer Dealer Both Dealer Private	Rescue/sold Rescue Retain/Rehome Rescue Rehome
51 – 100 dogs:	Premise 1.-77 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	77	2	4	60	Dealer & public	Rehome
101 plus dogs:	Premise 1. 2.						

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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? Yes / No YES

4.2 If you answer yes to 4.1 how many? 5

4.3 Has the staff to dog ratio caused any issues to licensing any of your premises? YES

4.4 If you answered yes to question 4.3, can you state what has been the issue: Too many dogs, need to employ more staff or reduce dog numbers.

4.5 How do you check whether the staff ratio stipulated on the licence is being correctly adhered to by the licensee? Check the number of dogs on the licence against the number of staff employed full and part time.
Declare staff numbers on the licence application and at inspections we would expect to see staff at the premises.

4.6 Do you have anything to add about the staff ratio? Assessment of the establishment with regard to husbandry and dog behaviour issues would trigger inspections more frequently and possible alterations to dog numbers and even additional conditions

to improve compliance.

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 / No YES,

5.2 Do you have any comments to question 5.1 ?: compliant with the log books.

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 / No YES

6.2 Please say why you require or do not require the health check? It's a legal requirement under the regulations.

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? YES

7.2 If you have refused to accept any of these Plans can you expand on the reasons why you considered them inadequate? - Have asked breeders to expand on comments/ more details in their plans.

7.3 How do you check that the licensee is delivering what they say in their Enhancement / Enrichment and the Socialisation Plans?
Inspections and ad hoc visits to witness implementation.
Overall general dog/pup behaviour seen at visits.

Section 8 - Exercise of dogs

8.1 Do you check that breeding dogs kept at licensed premises are adequately exercised? Yes / No YES

8.2 If yes, how do you check that this is being carried out? AD HOC visits, see at licensing visit.

Section 9 - Statutory guidance

9.1 Do you have any comments regarding the Statutory Guidance provided by Welsh Government?
Non enforceable and should be conditions.

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

10.2 Please indicate what enforcement action you took against these licensees. N/A

10.3 Please indicate the number of license applications you initially rejected in the last 24 months? N/A

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 issues a license? None at this time

10.6 Please indicate if you have issued a warning letters to any of your licensees. Yes

10.7 If you have issued a warning letter, please provide brief details why this was necessary. Kennel size requirements, poor husbandry and record keeping.

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? Adverts online / press

Investigate complaints.

11.3 How many have you found in the last 12 months? 3 breeders

11.4 How many have now been licensed? One breeder, the other breeder did not have enough dogs to require to have a licence, one under investigation.

11.5 How many are still under investigation? One

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

Section 12 – Any other comments or relevant information

Currently gathering evidence for a magistrates warrant to enter a property.