

Freedom of Information Request on The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 – Selling Animals as Pets

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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

The majority of information requested should be readily available from the information you keep to provide to the Secretary of State or from reports produced by inspectors.

Name of Council: EDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Name of officer completing the questionnaire: [REDACTED]

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

THREE

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

	Retailer (e.g. pet shop, home sales, internet sales)	Importer/Wholesalers	Breeders (excluding dogs & cats)	Consolidators (see p.81 of Guidance notes)
Dogs				
Cats				
Rabbits	<u>TWO</u>			
Guinea pigs	<u>TWO</u>			
Ferrets				
Domestic small rodents	<u>ONE</u>			
Other non-domestic species (Mammals)				
Birds	<u>ONE</u>			
Reptiles and amphibians				
Fish	<u>THREE</u>			



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2. Have you extended any licences issued last year when it was due for renewal	<u>Y</u> / N
If so, for how long? (insert time frame)	<u>4 MONTHS</u>

3. What competency/training do your inspectors have to carry out this type of licencing (please tick all that apply):	
Enrolled for Level 3 OFQUAL certificate in inspecting and licensing animal activities businesses	
Formal veterinary qualification	
One year's experience of licensing and inspecting animal activities businesses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Used a suitably qualified external consultant/business	
Other (please specify):	<u>OVER 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE EACH OFFICER</u>

4. Since 1 October 2018 on how many visits were inspectors accompanied by a vet?	<u>ZERO</u>
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5. How many licences have been issued with conditions that are NOT included in the <i>Guidance for selling animals as pets</i> (state number)	<u>ZERO</u>
Please specify additional conditions:	

6. a. How many licenses were not renewed ?	<u>ZERO</u>
b. How many new applications were refused?	<u>ZERO</u>
In relation to a. and b, please specify reasons for non-renewal (should be outlined in refusal report):	
c. How many businesses stopped selling animals as a result?	<u>ZERO</u>
d. How many of businesses that were refused a licence took advantage of your appeals process and were subsequently licenced?	<u>ZERO</u>



7. In the blank boxes in the following table please indicate the number of licences issued in each category of the star rating Scoring Matrix: *NOT AWARDED YET*

Scoring matrix		Welfare standards		
		Minor failings	Minimum Standards	Higher standards
Risk	Low risk	1 star (1 year licence)	3 star (2 year licence)	5 star (3 year licence)
	Higher risk	1 star (1 year licence)	2 star (1 year licence)	4 star (2 year licence)

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

Failure to meet all optional and voluntary higher standards	
Failure to meet at least 50% of voluntary higher standards	
Failings in written procedures	
Failings in record keeping	
Stocking densities	
Inadequate staff training	
Other (please specify):	

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

	In 2017-18 (under old regulations, before 1 October 2018)	In 2018-19 (under new regulations, since 1 October 2018)
Inspection	<i>TIME NOT RECORDED PREVIOUSLY</i>	<i>NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THIS INFO AS</i>
Administration		<i>NOT FINISHED THESE INSPECTIONS</i>

10. 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?

SEE BELOW

11. Do you charge a different fee for a two or three year licence?

Y/N

APPLICATION FEE: NEW £49 RENEWAL £42.50
INSPECTION + ASSESSMENT CHARGED PER HOUR @ £45



12. Please rate what impact you consider the new licensing process has had in each of the following areas:					
	Significant increase	Marginal increase	No impact	Marginal decrease	Significant decrease
On local authority workloads	✓				
On businesses' workloads		✓			
On animal welfare		✓			
If a significant increase do you think this will continue?:					Y/N

13. Did you find the Defra document <i>Guidance notes for the selling of animals as pets</i> useful?	Y/N
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Thank you for completing this Freedom of Information request on behalf of the Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association and the Reptile and Exotic Pet Trade Association. Please save your form and send on email to info@ornamentalfish.org



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