

FOI Ref

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Response sent

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(CCC) Enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act 2006

Enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 We are presently undertaking on behalf of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Animal Welfare (APGAW) a survey on enforcement of sections 4 (unnecessary suffering) and 9 (duty of a person responsible for an animal to ensure its welfare) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006. To this end, we are seeking the information set out in the attached questionnaire. It is in the form of a Word document for ease of completion.

Response:

Please see the attached completed questionnaire as requested.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk



ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9 OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006 LOCAL AUTHORITY QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: Cambridge City Council

NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Commercial & Licensing Team commercial@cambridge.gov.uk

1. DOES THE AUTHORITY PRESENTLY HAVE ANY MEMBER OF STAFF APPOINTED AS AN INSPECTOR UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006, SECTION 51?

YES – please continue to answer questions 2 and 3.

NO – please continue to question 4

2. HOW MANY MEMBERS OF STAFF ARE PRESENTLY APPOINTED AS INSPECTORS UNDER THE 2006 ACT?

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3. IN WHICH DEPARTMENT(S) ARE THEY BASED?

Environmental Health – Commercial & Licensing

Thank you. Now please proceed to question 8.

~~4. HAS THE AUTHORITY PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED INSPECTORS UNDER THE 2006 ACT?~~

~~YES — please continue to answer the remaining questions~~

~~NO — please continue to question 6 and subsequent questions.~~

~~5. IN WHAT YEAR DID THE AUTHORITY CEASE TO HAVE ANY MEMBER OF STAFF APPOINTED AS AN INSPECTOR UNDER THE 2006 ACT?~~

~~6. ON WHAT GROUND(S) HAS THE AUTHORITY DECIDED NOT TO APPOINT ANY MEMBER OF STAFF AS AN INSPECTOR UNDER THE ACT?~~

~~7. DOES THE AUTHORITY HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH ANOTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ON ITS BEHALF ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9 OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT?~~

~~YES — please indicate the name of the authority:~~

~~NO~~

8. BY COMPLETING THE GRID, PLEASE PROVIDE IN RELATION TO YOUR AUTHORITY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE YEARS 2010-2019

Year	Complaints received ¹	Complaints investigated	Number of Improvement Notices issued	Number of cases closed following successful implementation of Improvement Notice	Number of prosecutions brought ²	Convictions secured in Magistrates' Courts	Defendants Convicted ³	Number of Section 33 Deprivation Orders Imposed ⁴	Number of Section 34 Disqualification Orders Imposed ⁴
2010									
2011									
2012									
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2015									
2016									
2017									
2018	1*	1*							
2019	3*	3*							

**These figures reflect complaints that Environmental Health have received only. They were all received principally as alleged unlicensed animal activity, but included an element of ill treatment/neglect towards animals and hence been covered in this response. Please note we have no history of complaints of this nature pre-2014.*

NOTES

1. Complaints received suggesting either unnecessary suffering or a failure to ensure the needs of a protected animal (AWA, ss 4 & 9).
2. Refers to prosecutions by the authority alleging offences under section 4 and/or 9 of the Animal Welfare Act. Please do not any prosecutions undertaken by the Crown Prosecution Service.
3. Including youth offenders.
4. This refers to the actual number of orders imposed in consequence of the prosecutions brought by the authority.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO: nina.robertson.17@abdn.ac.uk

MANY THANKS FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE – YOUR ASSISTANCE IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.