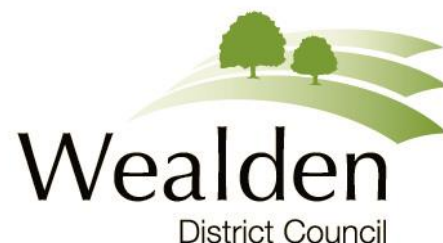


OUR REF: **8046 - FOI**
ASK FOR: **Information Governance**
DATE: **5th November 2019**
YOUR REF:



Sent by email to
Antony Goodwin
request-612167-ad920d6f@whatdotheyknow.com

Information Governance

Dear Mr Goodwin,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Reference Number: 8046
OUTCOME

We are writing in response to your request for information received on 16th October 2019 which was logged and acknowledged under reference number 8046. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Thank you for your request for information. We have processed your request and your questions together with our corresponding responses are as follows:

Request:

Given that new legislation known as The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 has now been in force for a year, and acknowledging the Statutory guidance issued by Her Majesties Government, specificity paragraph 105 entitled Question 15 of the Frequently asked questions, can the council confirm the following:

1 Does the council maintain a publicly accessible register of all businesses licensed under the AAL regulations, and if so, where can it be found.

2 If the council does not maintain a publicly accessible register of all businesses licensed under the AAL regulations, has this been as a result of a specific decision or otherwise. Please provide details of relevant option.

3 If the council does not maintain a register, please detail all businesses in the Councils area that are licensed under the AAL regulations for the selling of animals as pets, including any star rating gained.

4 Since the introduction of the AAL regulation, have any businesses been refused a licence to sell animals as pets, or had such a licence revoked.

5 How many complaints have the council received and upheld regarding businesses licensed to sell animals as pets in the twelve months prior to the introduction of the AAL regulations.

6 How many complaints have the council received and upheld regarding businesses licensed to sell animals as pets in the twelve months since the introduction of the AAL regulations.



Response:

Please find the requested information within the attached word document and accompanying pdf document.

If you are unhappy with the way in which we have dealt with your request, you should first contact Wealden Information Governance to see if they can resolve any concerns you may have with the response.

If you still believe that the Council has not complied with the Act in responding to your requests, you may ask for an internal review. All requests for an internal review will be dealt with under the Council's published internal review procedure.

This can be found on the Council's website at:

http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Council/Website_Tools/LegalInformation/Web_FOI.aspx

If you wish to do so, please set out the grounds of your request for an internal review by email to informationgovernance@wealden.gov.uk

If you do not have access to email, please make your request in writing to:

Information Governance,
Wealden District Council,
Vicarage Lane,
Hailsham.
BN27 2AX

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Email: registration@ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely

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