

Information Governance Coventry City Council PO Box 15 Council House Coventry CV1 5RR

www.coventry.gov.uk

25 February 2021

Please contact Information Governance Direct line 024 7697 5408 infogov@coventry.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ08075

Thank you for your request for information on the continental puppy trade.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

I am currently undertaking research into the continental puppy trade and would be grateful if you could supply me with the answers to the following queries.

- 1) Between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2020:
- a. how many puppies/dogs were seized by Trading Standards on suspicion that they were in breach of the Rabies Order 1974;
- b. how many of these puppies/dogs were subsequently quarantined; and
- c. how many of these puppies/dogs went to a licensed quarantine facility for their quarantine period and how many were quarantined at home?

The responses to questions 1a-c are none.

- 2) For each calendar year from 1st January 2018 up to 31st December 2020, how many prosecutions has the Local Authority carried out in relation to illegally imported puppies under either:
- a. the Rabies Order 1974; or
- b. The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011; or
- c. Other legislation (please state), and for any prosecutions relating to illegally imported puppies, please state the penalties received by the defendant in the case.

The responses to questions 2a-c are none.

3) For each calendar year from 1st January 2018 up to 31st December 2020:
a. how many reports have you received, either from the general public or anyone
else, in relation to the suspected illegal importation of puppies?

2018 02019 22020 5

b. please confirm how many of these reports have been investigated further. Please provide figures for each year.

2018 0 2019 2 2020 5

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the Council's web site and in particular its FOI/EIR Disclosure log, Council's Publication Scheme, Open Data and Facts about Coventry.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance