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From: FOI Responses
Sent: 10 May 2024 10:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Response

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 21 April 2024, for information about animal feed establishments.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

1. How many officers are in the inspections of animal feed establishments within your council?

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information requested is third party personal data (i.e. personal data about someone other than you). Section 40 (2) provides that information which is third party personal data is exempt from disclosure if one of three conditions is satisfied. In this case the following condition applies:

1. Disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles

The details you have requested regarding council officers are personal data. Disclosure of the information would contravene the requirement in principle 1 that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Information has not been provided in this case as City of Doncaster Council believes that the release of such low numbers to responses could specifically lead to the identification of an employee who otherwise would not expect their personal information to be released into the public domain. As an employer the City of Doncaster Council owes a duty of confidence to employees and the employee has not consented to the disclosure of this information. Disclosing details without the consent of Officer would breach that duty of confidence and be unlawful. We therefore are unable to provide the requested information at this time.

Request:

2. How many feed establishments are in the council area?

Response:

There are 696 feed establishments are in the Doncaster area.

Request:

3. How many of these establishments have been inspected within the last 3 years?

Response:

76 of these establishments have been inspected within the last 3 years.

Request:

4. If these inspections are undertaken by an external agency or contractor, please provide the name of the Agency.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information as inspections are not undertaken by an external agency or contractor.

Request:

5. How many officers are involved in the inspection of premises for the purposes of animal health and welfare?

Response:

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Request:

6. How many premises within the council area require an inspection in relation to animal health and welfare?

Response:

Approximately 700 premises within the Doncaster area require an inspection in relation to animal health and welfare.

Request:

7. Is there an animal market within the council area?

Response:

There is a Bloodstock Market within the Doncaster area.

Request:

8. How many officers visit these animal markets, and what frequency?

Response:

With regard to the number of officers who visit the Bloodstock Market, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information requested is third party personal data (i.e. personal data about someone other than you). Section 40 (2) provides that information which is third party personal data is exempt from disclosure if one of three conditions is satisfied. In this case the following condition applies:

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However I can inform you that officers attend every 6 months to undertake licensing and passport checks.

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9. If these inspections are undertaken by an external agency or contractor, please provide the name of the Agency.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information as inspections are not undertaken by an external agency or contractor.

Request:

Please provide a link to your licensing register for animal related activities

Response:

Please see web links as follows:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/business-investment/breeding-dogs-licencing>
<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/business-investment/check-licences-in-doncaster>

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10. How many licenses has the council issued in relation to animal boarding establishments?

11. How many licences have been issued in relation to riding establishments?

12. How many licences have been issued for animal breeding establishments?

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information for all the above questions is available at the following web links:

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<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/business-investment/check-licences-in-doncaster>

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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