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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

We would like to make a Freedom of Information request to your council regarding primate licensing.

Please find our questions in the document attached.

The response to your request as follows:

Please see attached PDF

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

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FOI Request 2017

This request is in 2 parts. We ask that you answer all of the questions in the first section whether or not you have any licences issued under the Dangerous Wild Animals (DWA) Act. If there are any current DWA licences for primates in your area, please also complete all of the questions in the second section.

As of 25th February 2017:

PART 1

1) How many DWA licences are currently issued in your area? NIL

2) How many of these DWA licences are issued for primates (monkeys, apes or prosimians such as lemurs)?

N/A

3) How many applications for licences to keep primates under the DWA Act have been refused in your area in the last 12 months? NIL

On what grounds were they refused? N/A

4) What is the cost of obtaining a DWA licence in your area (please indicate whether this includes any veterinary fees incurred)? £271.22

5) What is the cost of "renewing" a DWA licence in your area (please indicate whether this includes any veterinary fees incurred)? £271.22

6) Are you aware of any breeders or dealers of primates in your area? NO

If yes how many? And are they licensed under the Pet Animals Act? N/A

7) If a member of the public is aware of a breach of the Animal Welfare Act with regards to a primate, who do they contact in your area? ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, ANIMAL WELFARE OFFICER

8) In order to be granted DWA licences for primates, must applicants demonstrate that they meet the conditions laid out in the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Privately Kept Non-human Primates? YES

9) If a DWA licence is not renewed, do you contact previous licence holders to establish why it has not been renewed? What are your reasons for your policy on this? YES WE WOULD

Would you investigate what has happened to primates that were licensed in your area but are no longer licensed? YES

PART 2

10) If there are primates licensed in your area, ***please provide copies of all licences, and the most recent relevant veterinary and inspection report(s) for each licence*** (on the understanding that for data protection purposes, certain information may be obscured). *If no written reports are available, please indicate the date on which the most recent report was conducted, by whom, and the outcome of the visit.* If not included in the report(s), please also provide the following information:

For each licence issued for primates:

- a) How many individuals of each species are covered (please provide the scientific name: i.e. *Cebus apella*)? *N/A*
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- a) What is the age and sex of each licensed primate? If this information is not kept by your council, please indicate so. *N/A*
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b) Where was each primate obtained? If this information is not kept by your council, please indicate so. *N/A*

c) Are these primates considered to be pets? If not, how are they classified? *N/A*

d) Please confirm whether any restriction is placed on the breeding of the licensed animals. If no restriction exists, please indicate whether the existing licence would automatically cover the offspring, and until what age this cover would last. *N/A*

e) Has a licence been issued to the licence holder previously? *N/A*

f) If so, what was the last year a licence was issued, and what primates were licenced? *N/A*

11) Would you or someone in your department, be willing to share any further information about DWA licensing? *N/A WE HAVE NO DWA*

And who can we contact for such information? *PHILIP COWLEY, ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING OFFICER*
