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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

Please see FOI3844 uncompleted form attachment

The response to your request as follows:

Please see attachment

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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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Freedom of Information Request regarding Animal Services.

I am writing from Blue Cross, a pet charity dedicated to improving animal welfare in the UK. We are currently in the process of contacting all relevant Local Authorities in the UK, requesting **details relating to animal licensing and dog warden services.**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I would like to make the following request for information relating to the animal services provided by your local authority.

The form can be sent to [name redacted] at [\[email redacted\]](#). Alternatively, the full information may be returned to us at the Freepost address below:

Freepost BLUE CROSS FOR PETS

Dog Warden Service

1. Does the local authority employ a dog warden or outsource the role? If the role is outsourced, who is responsible?

Dunroamin – 2013/2014

Noahs Ark – 2015/2016

2. What has been the local authority's annual spend on the dog warden service (whether in-house or outsourced) for the last three years?

This information is publicly available on our website at:

<http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/spending-summary> therefore an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is applied in respect of this question

2013	2014	2015
312 (£18770 spend does not include any fines paid)	264 (£17462.33 spend on DogW service does not include fines paid)	New contractor provider

3. A) Provide the number of individual instances where the dog warden service has been called out in the last three years.

2013	2014	2015

B) Please indicate which type of instance received the most call outs in 2015:

Stray	<u>Offer stray dog service only</u>
Lost dog	

Dangerous dog	
Other (please expand)	

4. Please indicate if the dog warden service is 24 hours.

Yes – dog warden is available 24 hours	
Yes – phone line only	
No – service is set times in the day	
Other (please expand)	

This information is publicly available on our website at:

<http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/stray-dogs> therefore an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is applied in respect of this question

The service for collecting confined stray dogs operates from 08:30am to 10:00pm Monday to Sunday, including Bank Holidays.

Animal licensing service

1. Please provide details of the number of premises licensed under the Pet Animals Act 1951 and Breeding of Dogs Act 1973.

Premises licensed under the Pet Animals Act 1951	ONE
Of the premises licensed under the Pet Animals Act 1951, how many sell puppies?	NIL
Premises licensed under the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973	NIL

2. Please provide copies of the most recent inspection report(s) for all such licences. If no written reports are available, please indicate the date on which the most recent report was conducted, and by whom (job title not personal details).

3. How many licenced premises have required further investigation due to public complaints or concern about animal welfare issues following an inspection between January 2013 - December 2015?

Jan – Dec 2013	NIL
Jan – Dec 2014	NIL
Jan – Dec 2015	ONE

4. How many investigations have been made into premises suspected of needing a licence between January 2013 - December 2015?

Jan – Dec 2013	NIL
Jan – Dec 2014	NIL
Jan – Dec 2015	NIL