

Dear Requester

I refer to your recent Freedom of Information request. The responses are as follows:

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; **6**
 - b. how many of these puppies/dogs were subsequently quarantined; and **6**
 - c. how many of these puppies/dogs went to a licensed quarantine facility for their quarantine period and how many were quarantined at home? **All 6 went to a licensed quarantine facility.**

- 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 **A prosecution was commenced in December 2018 which still has a warrant outstanding on it. No further prosecutions have been carried out.**
 - 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.

- 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 - 2
2019 - 1
2020 - 7
 - b. please confirm how many of these reports have been investigated further. Please provide figures for each year.
2018 - 2
2019 - 1
2020 – 7

All of the reports were investigated further with enquiries with vets or others as appropriate. The initial report might suggest an illegal landing but further investigations into passports for example, can reveal that there are no illegal activities.

I hope this assists. Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

Complaints, Information and Mediation Officer
Nottinghamshire County Council

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.