



Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am therefore writing to request the following information:

1. The number of licences (current only) you have issued under paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018 (**LAIA Regulations 2018**) (this being the licensable activity of “Keeping or training animals for exhibition”) to farm parks, petting zoos, city farms or any other set-ups/establishments where animals are exhibited to the public.
2. The names and addresses of those establishments.
3. Details of how many of these licensed establishments exhibit (or have, or will, exhibit) rabbits.
4. Details of how many inspectors you have appointed under reg.4(2)(a) of the LAIA Regulations 2018.
5. Details of who is responsible for dealing with animal welfare complaints relating to farm park, petting zoos and other such establishments in your area.
6. Contact details for that person/those people.
7. Details regarding how often the establishments licensed under paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 are inspected.
8. What guidance the inspectors appointed under regulation 4(2)(a) of the LAIA Regulations 2018 are given as to how they are to establish that the welfare needs of the rabbits they are inspecting are being met by the farm park, petting zoo etc. (For example, are they given a copy of the Good Practice Code for the Welfare of Rabbits - <https://rabbitwelfare.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Rabbit-CoP-July-2023.pdf>?)
9. The number of licences (issued at all times since the LAIA Regulations 2018 came into force) under paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 have been suspended or revoked under the powers in regulation 15, and why?
10. The number of licences (current only) you have issued under paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 (this being the licensable activity of “Selling animals as pets”)?
11. Details of how many of these licensed sellers sell rabbits?
12. Details of how many of these licensed sellers sell only rabbits?
13. Details of how many of these licensed sellers are pet shops, and how many are private individuals?

14. Details of who is responsible for dealing with animal welfare complaints relating to these sellers (of any animals, not just rabbits)?
15. Contact details for that person/those people.
16. The criteria you use for determining whether the “business test” in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 is met.
17. The level of income the sellers licensed under paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 need in order to be deemed to be selling animals “in the course of a business”.
18. Whether you have a dedicated animal welfare officer/team?
19. If so, what their contact details are.

## Response

- 1) 3 – Details of all animal licences can be found at:- [Licensing Public registers](#)
- 2) Details attached:- some of the information contained has been withheld. This information is personal data. This is therefore being withheld in accordance with the exemption in Section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosing this information would contravene one of the data protection principles.
- 3) 0
- 4) 2
- 5) Licensing Enforcement Officers are responsible for animal welfare in licensed premises. Trading Standards Officers are responsible for animal welfare in unlicensed premises.
- 6) [licensing@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@wigan.gov.uk) for licensed premises and [regulation@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:regulation@wigan.gov.uk) for unlicensed premises.
- 7) Inspections are carried out in line with current legislation and guidance.
- 8) Inspections are carried out in line with current legislation and guidance.
- 9) 1 licence revoked and 6 suspended for issues identified in relation to a breach of the Regulations and concerns relating to the welfare of the animals
- 10) 10
- 11) 2
- 12) 0
- 13) Both are pet shops
- 14) As question 5
- 15) As question 6
- 16) In line with Statutory Guidance
- 17) In line with Statutory Guidance
- 18) As question 5
- 19) As question 6

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