GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Establishments used for the breeding of dogs are controlled by the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973.

2. No person may keep a breeding establishment without first obtaining a licence from their Local Authority.

3. A breeding establishment means any premises where more than two bitches are kept for the purposes of breeding for sale.

LICENSING OF BREEDING ESTABLISHMENTS

4. Applications for a licence must be made to Brent Council (Regulatory Services), and a licence may be issued if the applicant is not disqualified under any of the following Acts.
   d) The Protection of Animals (Cruelty to Dogs) (Scotland) Act 1934.

5. There is an application fee of £227.00 which must be paid at the time the application is made.

6. Where a licence is granted, that licence and any subsequent licence will expire on the 31st December of the year to which the licence relates and must be renewed before that date if the premises are to continue as a dog breeding establishment.

BRENT COUNCIL’S DUTIES

7. Before being granted a licence the applicant must be able to demonstrate to the Council’s Licensing Inspector:
   a) that the dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation that is suitable in respect of construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness.
   b) that the dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised, and (so far as is necessary) visited at suitable intervals.
   c) that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread amongst the dogs of infectious or contagious diseases, including the provision of isolation facilities.
   d) that appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency, including the provision of suitable and sufficient fire fighting equipment.
   e) that all appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment.
8. A licence may be refused or withheld on other grounds if those grounds are such that conditions are not suitable for the breeding of dogs.

9. Each licence is subject to standard conditions that are imposed on all dog breeding establishments licensed by Brent Council.

10. In addition to the standard conditions a licence may also contain special conditions that are only applicable to your premises.

YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL

11. Any person aggrieved by a refusal to be granted a licence or by any condition to which a licence is subject may appeal to the Magistrates Court and the Courts may give such directions regarding the licence or its conditions as it thinks proper.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

12. The following offences apply to the breeding of dogs.
   a) Anybody found guilty of keeping a dog breeding establishment without a licence may be subject to a fine not exceeding £2,500.
   b) Anybody found guilty of failing to comply with the conditions of their licence may be subject to a fine not exceeding £2,500.
   c) Anybody found guilty of obstructing or delaying an Inspector or authorised Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Practitioner in the exercising of their powers may be fined up to a maximum of £1,000.

13. If found guilty under this Act, the defendants licence may be cancelled and they may be disqualified from keeping a dog breeding establishment for such length of time as the Court thinks fit.

FURTHER INFORMATION


15. A copy of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 can be viewed at the Regulatory Services offices, where you may also obtain a copy of the Council's standard licence conditions, an application form and further help and advice.

The Council's Licensing Inspectors may be contacted at:

Regulatory Services, London Borough of Brent, Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ
☎ 020 8937 5359
EMAIL: environmentandprotection@brent.gov.uk Website: www.brent.gov.uk

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