

15 August 2025

Dear

## **ATISN 25057 - Puppy Farming and Dog Breeding Data**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which we received on 13 August.

You asked for the following information, for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and January to August 2025:

1. Total number of licensed dog breeding establishments in Wales each year.
2. Number of inspections carried out on licensed breeders each year.
3. Figures for improvement notices issued, licences suspended or revoked, and complaints received relating to dog breeding.
4. Number of investigations into suspected illegal or unlicensed dog breeding.
5. Any available data on prosecutions related to puppy farming or illegal breeding.

### **Our response**

The information you have requested is not held by the Welsh Government. However, we believe that Local Authorities may hold the information which you are seeking. You can ask them for the information at [Find your local authority | GOV.WALES](#).

You may be interested in a recently published report by Naturewatch Foundation on [Licensed Dog Breeding in the UK and Ireland](#).

### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House

Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely