

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20210058**  
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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council** (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)  
Title: **Continental puppy trade**  
Description: **Continental puppy trade**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

- 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;
  - b. how many of these puppies/dogs were subsequently quarantined; and
  - c. how many of these puppies/dogs went to a licensed quarantine facility for their quarantine period and how many were quarantined at home?
- 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
  - 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?
  - b. please confirm how many of these reports have been investigated further. Please provide figures for each year.

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards  
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