
DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2013 No.

**The Welfare of Animals (Dog Breeding
Establishments and Miscellaneous Amendments)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

PART II

ISSUING OF LICENCES

Licences

- 5.—**(1) An application for a licence shall—
- (a) be in writing;
 - (b) be in the form prescribed in Schedule 1; and
 - (c) be accompanied by the appropriate fee specified in regulation 8(1).
- (2) On receipt of a fully completed application for a licence an inspector shall carry out an inspection of the applicant's breeding establishment to ensure that the requirements specified in Schedule 4 are being met in relation to the establishment;
- (3) A district council shall grant a licence to the applicant, if it is satisfied that—
- (a) the breeding establishment is situated in its district council area;
 - (b) the requirements specified in Schedule 4 are being met in relation to the establishment; and
 - (c) the appropriate fee has been paid in accordance with regulation 8(1).
- (4) In fulfilling its functions under these Regulations a district council shall have regard to guidance issued by the Department.
- (5) A licence granted by a district council under these Regulations shall—
- (a) be in writing;
 - (b) be in the form specified in Schedule 2;
 - (c) subject to regulations 9 or 12, remain in force for a period of one year;
 - (d) state the number of bitches and other dogs over 6 months of age to be kept under the terms of the licence;
 - (e) be subject to the licensing conditions specified in Schedule 4; and
 - (f) may be subject to additional conditions as specified in the licence.
- (6) The holder of a licence shall ensure that a copy of the licence granted under these Regulations shall be displayed at all premises comprising the breeding establishment.
- (7) A district council shall maintain a register of all persons licensed under these Regulations and the register shall include all the details prescribed in Schedule 3.
- (8) The register may be kept in manual or computerised form so long as the record is capable of being reproduced in a legible form for inspection.