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DRAFT SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No.**

**The Licensing of Animal Dealers (Young  
Cats and Dogs) (Scotland) Regulations 2008**

**Exercise of functions by inspectors**

**12.**—(1) A licensing authority may appoint in writing any person (whether or not an officer of the authority) (“an inspector”) to inspect any premises in their area in respect of which a licence under regulation 8 has been sought.

(2) Any inspector may, on producing evidence of that person’s authority if so required, enter any premises at all reasonable times and inspect such premises and any animals found there for the purposes of preparing a report.

(3) The licensing authority must, before reaching a decision as to whether or not it will grant a licence under regulation 8, first consider a report made to the authority by an inspector.

(4) The report referred to in paragraph (3) shall be made only following an inspection by the inspector making the report and such inspection will be carried out after the application for the licence has been received.

(5) The inspection referred to in paragraph (4) shall be of any such places, equipment and documents as the inspector thinks necessary for the purpose of enabling the licensing authority to satisfy itself on the matters referred to in regulation 7(1).

(6) Any person who wilfully obstructs or delays any person in the exercise of the inspector’s duties under this regulation is guilty of an offence.