

Applications for a Dog Breeding Establishment Licence

****** All applicants, please read the following important information before completing your application form******

- A separate application is required for each premises.
- Each application must be accompanied with the appropriate fee (see overleaf).
- As a condition of ALL Dog Breeding Establishment Licences granted by the Council, you will be required to provide a satisfactory Socialisation Policy and an Enhancement & Enrichment Policy. These documents must be submitted along with the application.
- The licence conditions set out in Schedule 4 of the Welfare of Animals (Dog Breeding Establishments & Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 must be met. These are attached to the application form. A Council Officer will carry out an inspection of your premises to ensure that these requirements are met.
- All dogs in the breeding establishment must be microchipped and all pups must be microchipped by the age of 8 weeks.
- Records must be kept for all breeding bitches and pups kept in the establishment and these must be made available to Council Officers upon request at any time.
- All dogs must be vaccinated and records should be produced to Council Officers upon request.
- If the Council refuses to grant a licence the applicant will be informed in writing. The applicant has 7 days from this date of notification within which to make written representations to the Council. The Council shall make a determination on the representations and inform the applicant in writing within 7 days of the date of its determination. A person aggrieved by the determination of the Council may appeal to a magistrate's court within 28 days of the notification of this determination.

Dog Breeding Establishment Licence Fees

Up to 10 breeding bitches	£150
11-25 breeding bitches	£200
26- 50 breeding bitches	£250
51-100 breeding bitches	£300
101-200 breeding bitches	£350
Over 200 breeding bitches	£350 plus £50 for every additional 100 bitches

The fee charged for granting a licence is not refundable.

All completed applications must be returned to Mid Ulster District Council, Environmental Health Department at one of the following addresses:

Cookstown Office
Burn Road
Cookstown
BT80 8DT

Tel: 03000 132 132

Dungannon Office
Circular Road
Dungannon
BT71 6DT

E: info@midulstercouncil.org

Magherafelt Office
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

www.midulstercouncil.org

*Should you require any assistance or information when completing an application form the staff will be more than happy to help by telephoning **03000 132 132***

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(TICK BOX AS ITEM COMPLETED)

APPLICATION FORM COMPLETED AND SIGNED

SCHEDULE 4 COMPLIANCE

SOCIALISATION POLICY ENCLOSED

ENHANCEMENT & ENRICHMENT POLICY ENCLOSED

FEE ENCLOSED

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Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

The Welfare of Animals (Dog Breeding Establishments and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013			
SCHEDULE 1 [Regulation 5 (1)]			
Please use BLOCK LETTERS		<i>Details of applicant</i>	
Title (Mr, Mrs, etc)	Forename/s	Surname	
Address			Postcode
Contact telephone number:			
Email address (<i>if available</i>)			
Full address of each premises comprising the breeding establishment.			
Number of breeding bitches over 6 months to be kept on the breeding establishment under the licence.			
The number of other dogs over 6 months old to be kept on the breeding establishment under the licence			
Name and address of owner and number of breeding bitches kept on the premises but not owned by the keeper of the Establishment			
Is a control condition notice in force attaching control conditions under Article 30A(2) of the Dogs Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 to a previous dog licence held in respect of any breeding bitch or stud dog.			Yes/No
If Yes, please give the serial number of notice:			
Date of expiry of previous single/block/breeding establishment licence (if any).			
NOTE:-The information given above may be subject to verification.			
Nominated Veterinary Practice name and address:			
I enclose the appropriate fee of £ for breeding bitches over 6 months old.			
I declare that the information given above is correct in every respect. I am not under 16 years of age and I have not been disqualified from keeping animals under any legislation. I keep on the above breeding establishment three or more breeding bitches and*, (a) breed 3 or more litters of puppies in any 12 month period; (b) advertise 3 or more litters of puppies for sale in any 12 month period; (c) supply 3 or more litters of puppies in any 12 month period; or (d) advertise a business of breeding or selling puppies; and <i>*(delete which ever condition is not applicable)</i> I meet all the requirements specified in Schedule 4 of the above named Regulations. I therefore apply for a licence. I attach hereto the necessary documentation. <input type="checkbox"/>			
SIGNED:			

Office use only			
Eligibility certified:	Yes/No	Licence No. issued:	
Signed:		Date	

SCHEDULE 4 Regulation 2, 5(2)(3)(5)
Licence Conditions

Condition 1: Accommodation and environment

- (1) Accommodation in which a dog is being or may be kept, shall be durable and appropriate in:
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| (a) construction; | (d) temperature; | (g) cleanliness; and |
| (b) size; | (e) lighting; | (h) drainage. |
| (c) exercise facilities; | (f) ventilation; | |
- (2) Appropriate measures shall be taken for the protection of persons and dogs in case of fire or other emergency.
- (3) Adequate clean bedding shall be provided for each dog and shall be renewed when soiled.

Condition 2: Whelping facilities

- (1) All bitches shall be provided with a designated area prior to whelping with a suitable whelping box/bed.
- (2) Heating facilities should be adequate, secure and safe and capable of providing the range of temperatures, suitable for both pups and bitch.
- (3) An area shall be provided within the whelping kennel where a bitch can rest away from her pups.

Condition 3: Diet

- (1) A dog shall be supplied daily with a suitable quantity and quality of food for the type and breed of dog.
- (2) A dog shall have access to clean drinking water at all times.

Condition 4: Normal behaviour

- (1) A dog shall have regular access to adequate facilities to enable them to exhibit normal behaviour patterns through play, interaction and relief from boredom.
- (2) Where not detrimental to the health of the dog, the dog should have regular exercise suitable to the breed and size of the dog.

Condition 5: Socialization

The licence holder shall have a written socialization programme for puppies approved by the inspector.

Condition 6: Enhancement and enrichment

The licence holder shall have a written enhancement and enrichment programme for bitches, stud dogs and other dogs approved by the inspector.

Condition 7: Health

- (1) Where appropriate the licence holder or an attendant shall inspect all dogs at regular intervals throughout the day and night.
- (2) Licence holders shall take all reasonable steps to protect dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease.
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| (a) house a sick dog pending veterinary treatment; and |
| (b) for recuperation where appropriate. |
- (5) A dog shall not be continually exposed to direct sunlight.
- (6) A dog shall receive any necessary veterinary treatment and such treatment shall include vaccinations.

Condition 8: Mating

The licence holder shall ensure that a breeding bitch shall not:

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| (a) be mated until she is over 12 months old; |
| (b) give birth to more than 3 litters in any period of 3 years and shall not be bred in any consecutive heat period; |
| (c) give birth to more than 6 litters of pups in total; and |
| (d) be mated after 8 years old unless veterinary certification is granted before she is bred from. |

Condition 9: Change of ownership of a puppy

A licence holder shall retain ownership and possession of a puppy until the puppy is at least 8 weeks old.

Condition 10: Identification of breeding bitches and other dogs

- (1) All breeding bitches and other dogs shall be identified with a microchip.
- (2) The microchip referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall comply with the requirements of Regulation 9 of the Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012(a).
- (3) This paragraph does not apply to the breeding bitch or other dog if the keeper of the breeding bitch or other dog produces to the district council a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon to the effect that implantation (or continued implantation) of a microchip in the breeding bitch or other dog would have an adverse effect on the health of the dog.
- (4) Where a breeding bitch or other dog arrives on any premises and has not already been microchipped, the holder of the licence shall microchip the breeding bitch or other dog within 7 days.

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- (3) The licence-holder shall be the first registered owner of any puppy born on the licence holder's premises before—
 - (a) the puppy departs the licence holder's premises with a view to changing ownership; or
 - (b) the licence-holder transfers ownership of the puppy to a third party.
- (4) The licence-holder shall provide sufficient details to allow the new owner of a puppy to update the microchip database.

Condition 12: Record keeping requirements

- (1) The licence holder shall maintain a record in relation to each breeding bitch kept on the premises setting out her—
 - (a) name/number (if any);
 - (b) date of birth;
 - (c) breed;
 - (d) health status;
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- (4) The record shall be available for inspection by an inspector and retained by the licence holder for 3 years from the date the breeding bitch or other dog dies or is transferred to a new owner.
- (5) When a breeding bitch or other dog is transferred the date of transfer and the name, address and contact telephone number of the new owner shall be recorded on the record referred to in paragraph (1). When a breeding bitch or other dog dies, the date of death shall be recorded on the record referred to in paragraph (1). As a minimum the licence holder shall provide to the new owner of the bitch the record in respect of sub-paragraph (1)(a) to (e) and the number of litters produced by the bitch.
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