Animal Activities Licence Fees

April 2025 to March 2026

Application and Grant Fees

When applying for a licence under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, the applicant must pay the relevant Application fee shown below, this must be paid at the time of application. This fee is non-refundable.

The Application fee covers the cost of administering the application and carrying out one inspection to determine whether a licence can be granted or not. When the relevant premises has been inspected and a decision is made that a licence can be issued, the officer who has carried out the inspection will also carry out the required assessment of risk which will determine the star rating that will apply to the licence and the length of time the licence will be issued.

The Grant fees cover the costs of on-going compliance and enforcement activities, including unannounced inspections and are only chargeable to successful applicants. The Grant fee must be paid at the time of licence issue.

In certain circumstances a vet fee is chargeable. A council appointed vet will accompany officers on inspection and the vet fees will be re-charged to the applicant on receipt of the vet invoice by the council. Vet fees are set by the appointed vet.

A small business discount applies in the circumstances outlined in column 2 below and is applied to give a 50% discount on the Grant Fee

If applying for a licence to carry out more than one licensable activity, a discount of 50% of one Grant fee will be applied.

A licence holder may apply to vary their licence, for example to increase the number of animals on their licence or to include a new licensable Activity

Pre-inspection advice is available and is charged at our hourly rate

Cheshire West and Chester

Licensable Activity		New or Renewal Application Fee (NON-REFUNDABLE)	Grant Fee (including small business discount)	Total Payable (for licence issue)	Additional Charges
Boarding Kennels (dogs)	Maximum 10 kennels	£389	£100	£489	Vets fees if considered applicable throughout the duration of licence
	More than 10 Kennels	£389	£200	£589	
Cattery	Maximum 10 Cat Units	£389	£100	£489	Vets fees if considered applicable throughout the duration of licence
	More than 10 Cat Units	£389	£200	£589	
Commercial Dog Day-Care	Maximum 6 dogs	£357	£100	£457	Vets fees if considered applicable throughout the duration of licence
	More than 6 dogs	£357	£200	£557	
Home Boarding (including daycare at a residential address)	Maximum 2 dogs	£357	£100	£457	Vets fees if considered applicable throughout the duration of licence
	More than 2 dogs	£357	£200	£557	
Home Boarding Franchise / Arranger	To include 1 boarding premise	£357	£200	£557	Vets fees if considered applicable throughout the duration of licence
	Additional premises who do not require a separate licence	£85 per premise		£85	
	Additional premises who require a separate licence	£357 per premise	£100	£457	

Dog Breeding	Maximum 2 bitches	£439	£100	£539	Vets fees required on first application and, if considered applicable, throughout the duration of licence
	3 – 5 bitches	£439	£200	£639	
	6 – 10 bitches	£490	£200	£690	
	11 – 20 bitches	£541	£200	£741	
	21 – 30 bitches	£592	£200	£792	
	More than 30 bitches	£653	£200	£853	
Selling Animal as pets	Maximum 2 aquatic species in a business run from a domestic property	£443	£100	£543	Vets fees if considered applicable throughout the duration of licence
	Not as above	£443	£200	£643	
Exhibition of Animals	Maximum 5 animals OR Maximum 10 animals of 1 species housed together	£384	£100	£484	Vets fees if considered applicable throughout the duration of licence
	Not as above	£384	£200	£584	

Hiring of Horses	Maximum 5 horses	£583.50	£110	£693.50	Vets fees on each application and at 12 monthly intervals and, if considered applicable, throughout the duration of licence
	More than 5 horses	£583.50	£220	£803.50	
Variation or Re-Rating Fee (Hiring of Horses)	Includes an inspection	£321			Vets fees if considered applicable
Variation or Re-Rating Fee (All other activities)	Includes an inspection	£321			Vets fees if considered applicable
Transfer of Licence due to death		£74			
Amendment of Bitch Schedule (Dog Breeding)		£33.50			License holders vet approval required
Amendment of Horse Schedule (Hiring of Horses)		£33.50			Licence holders Vet approval required
Business advice (phone)	30 minutes duration	£42.50			Additional time charged at same rate
Pre-Inspection (on-site)	1 hours duration	£85			Additional time charged at same rate
Dangerous Wild Animal Licence	1 – 2 Animals	£332.50			Vet fees
	3 – 4 Animals	£439.50			
	5 or more Animals	£546.50			