

Animal Welfare Licence fees summary – effective from 1 April 2022

Selling Animals as Pets

Application or renewal fee (including initial inspection fee)	£335 (£153)
Interim inspection / enforcement fee (see note 4)	£144
Variation fee / Re-evaluation of rating	£217
Licence transfer	£64

Dog Breeding

Application or renewal fee (including initial inspection fee) plus vet's cost as charged	£394 (£153)
Interim inspection / enforcement fee (see note 4)	£182
Variation fee / Re-evaluation of rating	£217
Licence transfer	£64

Boarding Kennels and Catteries

Application or renewal fee (including initial inspection fee)	£326 (£153)
Interim inspection / enforcement fee (see note 4)	£182
Variation fee / Re-evaluation of rating	£217
Licence transfer	£64

Day Care and Home Boarding

Application or renewal fee (including initial inspection fee)	£315 (£153)
Interim inspection / enforcement fee (see note 4)	£182
Variation fee / Re-evaluation of rating	£217
Licence transfer	£64

Exhibition of Animals

Application or renewal fee (including initial inspection fee)	£345 (£153)
Interim inspection / enforcement fee (see note 4)	£182
Variation fee / Re-evaluation of rating	£217
Licence transfer	£64

Hiring out Horses

Application or renewal fee (including initial inspection fee) plus vet's cost as charged	£488 (£209)
Interim inspection / enforcement fee (see note 5)	£198
Variation fee / Re-evaluation of rating	£273
Licence transfer	£64

Pre-application services (recommended for new business)

Advice, phone consultation – per 30 minute slot	£37.00
Pre-application inspection visit (hourly rate, plus travel)	£74.00*

See below for details of discounts and notes .../

Discount notes

1. Where a business needs more than one licence at the same premise to cover the same time period, the inspection cost for the second licence (lower cost licence) will be reduced by 50%. For example – If you are a pet seller and undertake dog breeding the fee payable is £335 + £394=£729 **minus** a discount of 50% of the lower inspection fee (£153) which is £76.50. The total fee payable is therefore £729 - £76.50 = £652.50. On issue of the licence, a discount of 50% on the lower interim inspection fee will apply. This would mean the interim inspection / enforcement cost would be £182 + £144 = £326 minus a discount of £72. Therefore £254 will be the amount invoiced for interim inspection / enforcement.

2. A small business discount of 50% of the application or renewal fee (only) will be given based on the business meeting the criteria below throughout the whole term of the licence.

- Sale of fish only in a small independent shop or domestic premises.
- Breeders with up to two breeding bitches
- Kennel or Cattery hosting up to 10 dogs or cats (single species)
- Home boarding or Day care hosting up to two dogs.
- Exhibition of animals with up to five animals.
- Hiring of Horses with up to five horses.

3. Only one discount will apply per application

Explanatory notes

4. All fees are payable at the point of application except for the “interim inspection / enforcement fee” which falls due on issuing the licence, or in the case of a business which qualifies for a two or three year licence 12 months after the licence is issued.

5. The application / renewal fee added to the interim inspection / enforcement fee applies over the whole duration of your licence. For example if you meet the higher standard and benefit from a three year licence, as a pet seller your fee will be £335 application fee plus £144 interim inspection / enforcement fee, a total of £479. There will be no further payment required if nothing changes at the site until your licence needs to be renewed after three years. If your licence is a 1 year licence £479 would need to be paid on an annual basis.

6. If you are a kennel who uses the kennel for day care, only one fee is payable since the whole activity can be classed as a kennelling activity. However if you operate a kennel with a separate home boarding activity in an associated house, this will be classed as two separate undertakings and twice the fee will be payable, subject to discount where applicable.

7. Kennels and catteries are subject to very different rules so will need to be licensed separately.

*higher hourly rates apply at night, weekends and bank holidays.