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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 19/20-201 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I request information regarding licenses in force for operators to sell animals as pets, under:

- The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, or;
- The Pet Animals Act 1951.

Please provide me with the following data:

- i. The number of licenses in force for operators engaged in selling animals as pets on 1st October 2018.
- ii. The number of licenses in force for operators engaged in selling animals as pets on 1st April 2019.
- iii. The number of licenses granted for operators engaged in selling animals as pets during the period 1st October 2018 to 1st April 2019.
- iv. The number of licenses renewed for operators engaged in selling animals as pets during the period 1st October 2018 to 1st April 2019.

Please also provide me with copies of every license currently in force for operators engaged in selling animals as pets, including the general and specific conditions.

Response:

In respect of those requests that were answered in full or partially and the total refused please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- c) State why the exemption applies:

The information requested is accessible to you via other means. The information is included on the Public Licensing Register at: <https://eastcambs.gov.uk/licensing/public-licensing-register>

Section 21 states the following:

- 1) ***Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under Section 1 is exempt information.***
- 2) ***For the purposes of subsection (1) –***
 - a. ***Information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and***
 - b. ***Information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.***

Therefore as the Council publish this information, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Act.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 19/20-201

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk. and request a review.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.