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Request:

The piece of information I want is how many of those people fined within the last year were done so based on their details being held in your system from a previous license. Compared to those who never at anytime held a valid license for that dog.

Also I want to request the total number of dogs in the council area. Not licensed but all dogs as this is integral to my complaint that I am being targeted because I held a license.

Another request is how many reminders did you send out to people with an expired license? Let me make this clear reminders not fines.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 09 December 2019.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response.

Q1: From 01-01-2018 to 31-12-2018 a total of 312 Fixed Penalties were issued for no valid dog licenses. Out of the 312 fixed penalties issued 188 were from expired licenses held on the dog licence records.

Q2: To date 19,333 dogs currently licenced. To date 1,468 licenses expired.

Q3: One reminder letter per dog, if the licence is not obtained a further reminder per dog.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/333/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information

Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.