

## **Dog related FAQs**

### **1. My dog has one litter of puppies each year which I sell. Will I require a dog breeding licence?**

If this provides an income of more than £1000 each year, you will require a licence.

### **2. I need a dual licence for home boarding and a dog crèche. Will this be the same under the new Act?**

You will be issued with one licence which lists the different types of activity you are licensed for. Both activities will be star rated and the lower of the two will be displayed on the licence.

### **3. Under the new Act, how many dogs will I be allowed to board?**

Each dog must have its own designated room. This must be a proper room with its own window. Dogs from the same household will also need to have a room each.

### **4. Can I use a bedroom for home boarding of dogs?**

Yes. Bedrooms can be used, as long as they are not occupied by children under the age of 16. The room must have enough space for the dog to move around freely.

### **5. I have children at home, can I still apply for a licence?**

Yes. The applicant will need to consider the safety of both the animals and the children in the house. The applicant will need to provide a written risk assessment.

### **6. If I run different businesses looking after dogs, such as home boarding and a dog walking business, how many dogs can I walk at the same time?**

The new legislation stipulates that no more than 4 dogs can be walked by one person at a time for home boarding. If you also have a dog walking business, you will need to walk these dogs at a different time.

### **7. I run a dog crèche at home and I need to pop out to collect my children from school. Is this allowed?**

Under the new legislation dogs cannot be left unattended at any time in a crèche. If you need to leave the property, you must ensure that there is a suitably qualified/experienced member of staff available to cover your absence.

### **8. I have read that in order to get the maximum number of stars, I need to have a Level 3 OFQUAL qualification; can you tell me which qualification I need to sign up to?**

These qualifications are currently being developed and information relating to them will soon be available online.

**9. If a dog crèche is only for day care, what time will I be allowed to start and finish each day?**

You are not allowed to keep the dog overnight.

**10. I breed guide dogs for the blind, do I need a dog breeding licence?**

No. Anyone breeding only assistance dogs as defined in the Equality Act 2010 will not require a licence.