

Supplementary Material:

The Status of Pet Rabbit Breeding and Online Sales in the UK: A Glimpse into an Otherwise Elusive Industry

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Supplementary Table S1. Freedom of information (FOI) request key dates

<i>Council Name</i>	<i>1st FOI Sent</i>	<i>1st Response Received</i>	<i>2nd FOI Sent</i>	<i>2nd Response Received</i>
<i>Boston Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	17.05.2017	25.05.2018	30.05.2018
<i>Erewash Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	17.05.2017	25.05.2018	21.06.2018
<i>Devon County Council</i>	12.05.2017	16.05.2017	-	-
<i>Broadland District Council</i>	12.05.2017	12.06.2017	25.05.2018	04.06.2018
<i>Hart District Council</i>	12.05.2017	17.05.2017	25.05.2018	05.06.2018
<i>Cherwell District Council</i>	12.05.2017		25.05.2018	06.06.2018
<i>Aberdeen City Council</i>	12.05.2017	22.05.2017	25.05.2018	22.06.2018
<i>Chelmsford Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	12.06.2017	25.05.2018	21.06.2018
<i>Eden District Council</i>	12.05.2017	17.05.2017	25.05.2018	30.05.2018
<i>Harborough District Council</i>	12.05.2017	22.05.2017	25.05.2018	29.05.2018
<i>Caerphilly County Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	09.06.2017	25.05.2018	31.05.2018
<i>Havant Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	16.05.2017	25.05.2018	25.05.2018
<i>Aylesbury Vale District Council</i>	12.05.2017	18.05.2017	25.05.2018	16.06.2018

<i>Clackmannashire Council</i>	12.05.2017	17.05.2017	25.05.2018	08.06.2018
<i>Derbyshire Dales District Council</i>	12.05.2017	09.06.2017	25.05.2018	04.07.2018
<i>Halton Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	18.05.2017	25.05.2018	04.06.2018
<i>Fenland District Council</i>	12.05.2017	23.05.2017	25.05.2018	01.06.2018
<i>Derby City Council</i>	12.05.2017	17.05.2017	25.05.2018	05.06.2018
<i>Enfield Council</i>	12.05.2017	30.05.2017	25.05.2018	29.05.2018
<i>Arun Council</i>	12.05.2017	-	25.05.2018	01.06.2018
<i>Cheshire West and Chester</i>	12.05.2017	05.06.2017	25.05.2018	14.06.2018
<i>Dorset County Council</i>	12.05.2017	15.05.2017	25.05.2018	29.05.2018
<i>Darlington Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	26.07.2017	25.05.2018	11.06.2018
<i>Doncaster council</i>	12.05.2017	25.05.2017	25.05.2018	27.06.2018
<i>Greenwich</i>	12.05.2017	17.05.2017	25.05.2018	31.05.2018
<i>Denbighshire County Council</i>	12.05.2017	23.05.2017	25.05.2018	30.05.2018
<i>Bury Metropolitan Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	23.05.2017	25.05.2018	20.06.2018
<i>Christchurch Borough Council</i>	23.07.2017	03.08.2017	25.05.2018	
<i>Cornwall Council</i>	12.05.2017	08.06.2017	25.05.2018	14.06.2018
<i>Harrogate Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	21.06.2017	25.05.2018	05.07.2018
<i>Harlow District Council</i>	12.05.2017	-	25.05.2018	05.06.2018
<i>East Hampshire District Council</i>	12.05.2017	15.05.2017	25.05.2018	25.05.2018
<i>Aberdeenshire Council</i>	12.05.2017	22.05.2017	25.05.2018	29.05.2018

<i>Amber Valley Council</i>	12.05.2017	15.05.2017	25.05.2018	04.07.2018
<i>Fife Council</i>	12.05.2017	16.05.2017	25.05.2018	14.06.2018
<i>East Ayrshire Council</i>	12.05.2017	12.06.2017	25.05.2018	28.05.2018
<i>Croydon</i>	12.05.2017	25.05.2017	25.05.2018	01.06.2018
<i>Coventry City Council</i>	12.05.2017	06.06.2017	25.05.2018	13.06.2018
<i>Bromsgrove District Council</i>	12.05.2017	26.06.2017	25.05.2018	04.07.2018
<i>Great Yarmouth Borough Council</i>	12.05.2017	06.07.2017	25.05.2018	08.06.2018

Supplementary Figure S1. Pet Shop licence application from Amber Valley Borough Council 2016



PET ANIMALS ACT 1951
Application for Licence to keep a
Pet Shop

We _____

Of (Home Address) _____

Contact Telephone Number _____

E mail _____

As [proposed] occupier(s) of the premises hereinafter mentioned HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION for a LICENCE TO KEEP A PET SHOP at the premises.

Address _____

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I/WE enclose herewith the sum of £100.00 being the amount of the fee payable on the Licence for which application is made and declare that the information provided in this form is correct.

Dated 21 December 2016 Signed _____

Where do you normally display your Pet Shop licence? on a board above the door

PARTICULARS

Please outline below the species of animal are you wishing to sell in the forthcoming year.

Type of animals	Proposed numbers	Details of accommodation	Age at which proposed to be sold	What feed is provided to the animals?
Parrots				
Pigeons				
Other large birds				
Budgerigars, finches and other small birds				
Dogs				
Cats				
Rabbits and caviae	40	1 Hutches outside for rabbits inside for guinea pigs	8 weeks	dry food fresh veg hay.
Hamsters		plus exercise runs when weather permits.		
Rats, mice and gerbils				
Tortoises				

Supplementary Figure S2. Pet shop licence application from East Hampshire District Council 2017

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East Hampshire
DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCANNED
ATTACHED

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951
APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO KEEP A PET SHOP

I/WE _____
Of _____

As [proposed] occupier(s) of the premises hereinafter mentioned **HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION** in pursuance of section 1 of the Pet Animals Act 1951, for a **LICENCE TO KEEP A PET SHOP** at the premises of which particulars are given below.

Postal address of premises and telephone number:	
Address of Head Office, if Limited Company:	N/A
Number and size of rooms in which business will be carried on:	In garden and Bunny Barn. (10x16) feet Garden is 50 feet by 65 approx
Heating arrangements:	Barn has a gas heater for winter - doors open / air / ventilation in roof.
Method of ventilation of premises:	our door accommodation - Barn - open during day, double doors open
Lighting arrangements (natural and artificial):	All natural light - fairy lights in barn at night
Water supply:	Mains water
Arrangements for food storage:	In barn and in house. Hay bales in covered area at side of house.
Arrangements for disposal excreta:	collected weekly and taken to tip, is also made into Compost.

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Supplementary Table S2. Frequency and proportion of rabbit breeds in one month of Pets4Homes sale adverts

<i>Breed</i>	<i>Adverts</i>	<i>% of adverts</i>
<i>Mini Lop</i>	1355	39.3%
<i>Mixed Breed</i>	499	14.5%
<i>Netherland Dwarf</i>	477	13.8%
<i>Lionhead</i>	335	9.7%
<i>Mini Lion Lop</i>	167	4.8%
<i>Rex</i>	158	4.6%
<i>French Lop</i>	113	3.3%
<i>Continental Giant</i>	70	2.0%
<i>Dwarf Lop</i>	56	1.6%
<i>Dutch</i>	55	1.6%
<i>English</i>	31	0.9%
<i>Angora</i>	17	0.5%
<i>English Spot</i>	14	0.4%
<i>Belgian Hares</i>	13	0.4%
<i>English Lop</i>	13	0.4%
<i>British Giant</i>	10	0.3%
<i>New Zealand</i>	10	0.3%
<i>Giant Papillon</i>	9	0.3%
<i>German Lop</i>	8	0.2%
<i>Californian</i>	6	0.2%
<i>Harlequin</i>	5	0.1%
<i>Argente</i>	3	0.1%
<i>Himalayan</i>	3	0.1%
<i>Cashmere Lop</i>	2	0.1%
<i>Chinchilla</i>	2	0.1%
<i>Dwarf Hotot</i>	2	0.1%
<i>Golden Glavcot</i>	2	0.1%
<i>Havana</i>	2	0.1%
<i>Sable</i>	2	0.1%
<i>Beveran</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Flemish</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Polish</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Swiss Fox</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Tan</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Tri Coloured Dutch</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Vienna</i>	1	0.0%
Grand Total	3446	

Supplementary Table S3. Types of rabbit breeds kept by questionnaire respondents (n=33 breeders)

<i>Breed</i>	<i>Number of breeders</i>
<i>Mini Lop</i>	21
<i>Multiple Types</i>	11
<i>Netherland Dwarf</i>	6
<i>Lion head</i>	6
<i>Dutch</i>	3
<i>Mini Rex</i>	3
<i>French Lop</i>	2
<i>Lion Lop</i>	2
<i>Giants</i>	1
<i>All types</i>	1
<i>Lops</i>	1
<i>Dwarf Lop</i>	1
<i>Belgian Hares</i>	1
<i>Mini Plush Lop</i>	1
<i>Mini Dutch Lop</i>	1
<i>New Zealand</i>	1
<i>Silver Fox</i>	1