



**ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9 OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006  
LOCAL AUTHORITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

**NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: **HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL****

**NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**1. DOES THE AUTHORITY PRESENTLY HAVE ANY MEMBER OF STAFF APPOINTED AS AN INSPECTOR UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006, SECTION 51?**

**YES – please continue to answer questions 2 and 3.**

**NO – please continue to question 4**

**2. HOW MANY MEMBERS OF STAFF ARE PRESENTLY APPOINTED AS INSPECTORS UNDER THE 2006 ACT?**

**3. IN WHICH DEPARTMENT(S) ARE THEY BASED?**

**Thank you. Now please proceed to question 8.**

4. HAS THE AUTHORITY PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED INSPECTORS UNDER THE 2006 ACT?

YES – please continue to answer the remaining questions

NO – please continue to question 6 and subsequent questions.

5. IN WHAT YEAR DID THE AUTHORITY CEASE TO HAVE ANY MEMBER OF STAFF APPOINTED AS AN INSPECTOR UNDER THE 2006 ACT?

6. ON WHAT GROUND(S) HAS THE AUTHORITY DECIDED NOT TO APPOINT ANY MEMBER OF STAFF AS AN INSPECTOR UNDER THE ACT?

HBC only deals with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

We would seek advice from trading standards officers and RSPCA if we felt there was an issue with the actual welfare of animals.

7. DOES THE AUTHORITY HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH ANOTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ON ITS BEHALF ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9 OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT?

YES – please indicate the name of the authority: TRADING STANDARDS & RSPCA

NO

8. BY COMPLETING THE GRID, PLEASE PROVIDE IN RELATION TO YOUR AUTHORITY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE YEARS 2010-2019 **N/A**

Year	Complaints received <sup>1</sup>	Complaints investigated	Number of Improvement Notices issued	Number of cases closed following successful implementation of Improvement Notice	Number of prosecutions brought <sup>2</sup>	Convictions secured in Magistrates' Courts	Defendants Convicted <sup>3</sup>	Number of Section 33 Deprivation Orders Imposed <sup>4</sup>	Number of Section 34 Disqualification Orders Imposed <sup>4</sup>
2010									
2011									
2012									
2013									
2014									
2015									
2016									
2017									
2018									
2019									

**NOTES**

1. Complaints received suggesting either unnecessary suffering or a failure to ensure the needs of a protected animal (AWA, ss 4 & 9).

2. Refers to prosecutions by the authority alleging offences under section 4 and/or 9 of the Animal Welfare Act. Please do not any prosecutions undertaken by the Crown Prosecution Service.
3. Including youth offenders.
4. This refers to the actual number of orders imposed in consequence of the prosecutions brought by the authority.

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO:**



**MANY THANKS FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE – YOUR ASSISTANCE IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**