

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

The Procedure for providing a Risk Rating

1. Businesses will be rated by the Council following an inspection that takes place by a suitably qualified inspector :
 - prior to the grant/renewal of a licence
 - upon request by the business
 - unannounced e.g. following a complaint if major issues are highlighted that require follow up action

2. The Inspector(s) will assess whether the standard conditions issued under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 and also the specific conditions relating to the licensable activity are being met.

3. The licence holder will receive only one rating, which will cover all the licensable activities. Where the business is meeting different standards for different activities, (e.g. meeting the higher standards for dog breeding, but the minimum standards for dog boarding) the overall score will reflect the lower of the two.

4. The Council will provide the following information in writing (including by email) to the business :
 - The star rating itself
 - Details of why the business was rated as it was.
 - A copy of the risk management table showing the scores under each point.
 - Details of the Council's appeal process. (The appeal process should not be used if the business has made improvements to their business and wishes to be reassessed. In this case, the business should apply for re-inspection for which a fee is payable.)

5. The star rating will be added to the licence. In addition the Council will maintain a list of licensed businesses and their associated ratings on its website.