

Animal Activities Licence Fees From 1st April 2026

Animal Activity Licence fees are broken down into two parts:-

- a) An application fee payable at the time of application. This fee covers the costs associated with determining the application to the point that it is ready to issue; and
- b) A grant fee to cover remaining costs which is payable at the point that the application has been determined.

Please note that Licences will not be issued until such time as **all** necessary fees have been paid, i.e. the application fee, the grant fee and veterinary fees (where applicable).

New Applications

Applying for One Activity:

Activity	Sub-Category	Application Fee	Grant Fee	Other Costs to Applicants
Selling Animals as Pets		£473	£133	
Hiring Out Horses		£550	£133	Veterinary Fees
Exhibition of Animals		£285	£106	
Dog Breeding		£393	£133	Veterinary Fees
Provision of Boarding for Animals	Dog Boarding (e.g Kennels)	£446	£133	
	Cat Boarding	£446	£133	
	Home Boarding of Dogs	£312	£106	
	Day Care of Dogs	£446	£133	
	Home Boarding Franchisers	£312 + £88 for each host family	£106	

You will note that the “Provision of Boarding for Animals” activity is made up of 6 sub-categories. Thus, for an application for this single activity, the relevant application fee will be equal to the highest relevant sub-category application fee.

Example - If the applicant intends to provide dog boarding, home boarding and day boarding, the relevant application fee would be the highest of those three sub-categories, i.e. £401.50.

Applying for Multiple Activities:

Where more than one animal activity is to be applied for, the fees may be calculated as follows:-

- a) The applicant should identify the relevant animal activities in question and ascertain the application fees as if applying for them as single activities. The first part of the application fee will then be the higher of those two charges.
- b) A supplementary activity application fee for the other activity should then be added to produce a total application fee for the two activities. Supplementary application fees are shown in the table below:-

Supplementary Activity	Sub-Category	Supplementary Activity Application Fee	Other Costs to Applicants
Selling Animals as Pets		£200	
Dog Breeding		£188	Veterinary Fees
Provision of Boarding for Animals	Dog Boarding	£178	
	Cat Boarding	£178	
	Home Boarding of Dogs	£134	
	Day Care of Dogs	£134	

- c) The grant fee for the “higher” cost activity [identified in a)] would then also be payable at the time of determination.

Example: If an applicant wishes to apply for both dog breeding and dog boarding, the appropriate fees are calculated as follows:-

- a) The single activity application fees are £393 for dog breeding and £446 for dog boarding. Choose the higher fee → £446
- b) The other activity is dog breeding so choose the Supplementary Activity Application Fee for dog breeding which is £188. Add the two fees together to produce a total.

Total application fee = £446 + £188 = £634

- c) The grant fee for the higher charge activity (dog boarding) would be £133.

In this example, veterinary fees associated with the dog breeding activity would also be recharged to the applicant.

Renewal Applications

Renewing for One Activity:

Activity	Sub-Category	Application Fee	Grant Fee	Other Costs to Applicants
Selling Animals as Pets		£326	£128	
Hiring Out Horses		£461	£133	Veterinary Fees
Exhibition of Animals		£245	£101	
Dog Breeding		£272	£128	
Provision of Boarding for Animals	Dog Boarding	£272	£128	
	Cat Boarding	£272	£128	
	Home Boarding of Dogs	£286	£101	
	Day Care of Dogs	£272	£128	
	Home Boarding Franchisers	£236 + £88 for each host family	£101	

Variation to an Existing Licence

Variation Type	Fee	Other Costs to Applicants
Officer Inspection Required	£88.55	Veterinary Fees if deemed necessary
No Officer inspection required	£52.85	

Whether or not an Officer Inspection and/or Veterinary Inspection will be required as part of the variation application will be at the discretion of the Animal Welfare Officer.