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## Freedom of Information Request FOI1240

## Request:

I am conducting research into animal welfare in the North East. If possible, please could you answer the following questions:

- 1. What is your policy on managing stray dogs in your local authority area?
- 2. How many stray dogs did your local authority take responsibility for in 2018? How many were then adopted? How many went to animal rescue? How many were euthanized? What happened to any dogs who did not fall into the above categories?
- 3. What is your policy on managing stray cats in your local authority area?
- 4. How many stray cats did your local authority take responsibility for in 2018? How many were then adopted? How many went to animal rescue? How many were euthanized? What happened to any cats who did not fall into the above categories?

Submitted on 14/05/19.

## Response:

I am conducting research into animal welfare in the North East. If possible, please could you answer the following questions:

- 1. What is your policy on managing stray dogs in your local authority area? All reported stray dogs are collected 24/7 either by the council dog warden during operational hours Monday to Friday or by a contracted service provider outside of operational hours and on Bank Holidays. Once a stray dog is collected we attempt to return them to their owner but if this is not possible they are placed in kennels provided by a contracted service provided and held for the statutory 7 days before, if in claimed, being handed over to the Shelter for re-homing.
- 2. How many stray dogs did your local authority take responsibility for in 2018? 252

How many were then adopted? Details held by Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter

How many went to animal rescue? 115

How many were euthanized? None

What happened to any dogs who did not fall into the above categories? 137 were returned to their owner

- 3. What is your policy on managing stray cats in your local authority area? **We do not provide a service for the collection of stray cats.**
- 4. How many stray cats did your local authority take responsibility for in 2018? None

How many were then adopted? N/A

How many went to animal rescue? N/A

How many were euthanized? N/A

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What happened to any cats who did not fall into the above categories? N/A