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By email

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Dear

Internal Review: IR2025/12607
Original Request: FOI2025/10900

Thank you for your email of 15 September 2025 in which you asked for an internal review of the response to your Freedom of Information (FOI) request. Your FOI request of 14 August asked for information about dogs housed at MBR Acres in extreme weather conditions. Your request can be viewed in full at **Annex A**.

I have now completed the review and have assessed the substance of the response provided to you. I can confirm that I was not involved in the initial handling of your request.

The FOI response provided you with information in answer to your questions. A full copy of the response can be found in **Annex B**.

The review is based on the points you have raised in your internal review request which can be found in full at **Annex C**.

I have carefully considered your comments and consulted with the business area that responded to your request.

Upon review, I find the response provided to you to be correct. The business area addressed each of your questions in the FOI response.

To provide you with further explanation, ASPA sets a legal requirement for all licensed establishments that they are responsible for the welfare of animals on their premises. This includes maintaining appropriate temperature conditions for the animals they hold. The Regulator conducts audits at establishments to ensure that these conditions are being met. It is a requirement that Establishments report any non-compliance with the terms of their licence under ASPA – this includes compliance with the Code of Practice. The Regulator does not routinely require additional information such as temperature logs to be sent in. When concerns are raised, or self-reported by an establishment, the Regulator

may ask for such logs to be sent to the Home Office, along with details of the welfare impact on the animals. If any welfare issues caused by excessive temperatures were reported, this will be considered as potential non-compliance and dealt with as per the Regulator's published Compliance Policy. If an incident of non-compliance was decided to have occurred, information on this would be published in the Regulator's Annual Report.

In conclusion, I am satisfied that the original response was correct. The business area provided you with a response to your request for information and further context has been provided as part of this internal review.

This completes the internal review by the Home Office.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Team