



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:08/07/2024

2024/584 - Private contracted kennels

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Do you follow the RSPCA's Welfare of Seized Dogs in Kennels Guide?

Yes

If no, what guidelines do you use when selecting contracted kennels and monitoring the welfare of dogs within contracted kennels?

2. Where do you house seized dogs? (Please add the capacity of dogs that can be housed in the kennels in the relevant column)

Private Kennels Yes ☐ Capacity 20+

3. What provisions do you have in place for seized dogs if/when capacity is full?

North Wales Police utilise two suppliers currently who provide sufficient space.

4. How often are visits made to seized dogs in police/private kennels? (please check)

Frequency of Visits

Seizing Authority Visits

(dependent on number of dogs seized)

Bi-Weekly

Monthly

Vet Visits

Daily ☐

Weekly ☐

Bi-Weekly ☐

Monthly ☐

Less than Monthly ☐

Other (please state) ☐ arranged by kennel provider

Comments

5. Is your private kennel in your police force area?

No

If no, what is the distance to the kennel from seizing area? North Wales Police utilise two kennel providers – distance depends on where in the force area the dog is seized from and can range from 30 minutes to 3 hours.

6. Do you provide individual plans for seized dogs that the private kennels can follow i.e. environmental, dietary, veterinary support and exercise plans?

No

If yes, please can you provide an example of this?

7. What provisions are in place for dogs whose behaviour restricts them from being taken out of their kennel for daily exercise or contact with people?

A complete physical and mental stimulation policy for all dogs is provided by our kennels.

8. What provisions are in place to provide opportunities for dogs to perform natural behaviours such as exercise, chewing/digging, socialising and to meet the medical needs of dogs who are considered unsafe for staff to enter the kennels of?

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9. Are there processes in place to request support from a Clinical Animal Behaviourist to meet the welfare needs of individual dogs?

No

10. Do you provide the following for seized dogs in both police kennels and contracted kennels?

- **Individual dietary requirements i.e. allergies** Yes
- **Medicines provided by the owner's vet for ongoing medical conditions** Yes
- **Preventative Medicines i.e. flea, tick, worm, and vaccinations** Yes
- **Medicines provided by kennels vet for conditions developed whilst kennelled?** Yes
- **Enrichment toys/food puzzles, sniffing/chewing** Yes
- **Bedding of Suitable Material** Yes

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/07/2024