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Request & Response:

Request in bold:

Response in plain text:

Q1) Have you taken anyone to court for obstruction of an authorised person exercising their powers under the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 i.e. regulation 12(b) or 12(c). If so, how many cases have you brought to trial and what has been the average fine issued?

No

Q2) How many times have you initiated court proceedings for breach of microchipping regulation 8(2), transferring keepership of a dog which is not fully compliant with the microchipping regulations? If appropriate, what has been the average fine issued for those in breach of this regulation?

N/A

Q3) How many formal written warnings (notices under regulation 12(a) of microchipping regulations) have you issued for –

- a) Absence of a (physical) microchip in a dog**
- b) Failure to have correct details recorded on the microchip**
- c) Microchip recorded with a non-compliant database**

Since the implementation of the legislation in 2016, 185 formal written warnings have been issued.

- a. 75 cases where no chip was present
- b. 110 cases were no accurate details
- c. We do not record this information

Q4) How many times have you initiated court proceedings for failure to comply with a formal notice issued under regulation 12(a) of the microchipping of dogs regulations for-

- a) Absence of a (physical) microchip in a dog**
- b) Failure to have correct details recorded on the microchip**
- c) Microchip recorded with a non-compliant database**

None

Q5) If appropriate can you detail the average level of fine awarded by the courts in cases you've taken in relation to failure to comply with a notice under section 12(a) of the microchipping regulations?

N/A

Q6) Does your local authority have information about dog owners' legal requirements to identify their dog by collar and tag and microchip on their website?

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/animal-welfare/dog-welfare-and-enforcement-service/micro-chipping/>

Q7) How many events has your local authority supported on microchipping during the past five years?

None

Q8) Do you issue written warnings to dog owners whose dog is found without a collar and tag? If, so how many have been issued since in the past five years?

No, verbal warnings given

Q9) How many times have you initiated court proceedings against dog owners for failure to comply with collar and tag legislation? And if appropriate, what is the average level of fine that courts have awarded?

None

Q10) How many dog wardens does your local authority employ?

Four

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