

**BLAENAU GWENT**

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**ANIMAL HEALTH, WELFARE AND LICENCING  
ACTIVITIES**

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**1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Appendix 4

## ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR FY 2021/22

Activity	No.	Remarks
Primary visits to Licenced Pet Shops	5	Announced Primary Licencing Inspection
Welfare visits to Licenced Pet Shops	5	Unannounced Welfare Inspection of premises.
Primary visits to Licenced Animal Home Boarders	4	Announced Primary Licencing Inspection
Welfare visits to Licenced Animal Home Boarders	4	Announced Primary Licencing Inspection
Primary and Welfare Inspection to Zoo	1	1 x Primary Inspection and 1 x Welfare Inspection
Companion Animal Complaints & Enquiries		Action all welfare complaints within 1 working day. All other complaints/enquiries to be actioned within 3 working days.
Primary – Planned Farm inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	0 9 12	Conduct any necessary unplanned inspections as a result of complaints received.
Newly identified/re-opened premises		Each newly identified or re-opened AH premise is to be risked rated by means of either of the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Primary AH Inspection of the premises; or</li> <li>• By use of an alternative enforcement business questionnaire being sent to the premises</li> </ul>
Breach Report Investigations		Breach reports to be investigated within 3 months of receipt
Alternative Inspections – RP05 Record Checks		Alternative enforcement checks to be completed within 3 months of receipt
FSA Slaughterhouse referral investigations		Referrals to be investigated within 3 months of receipt
Freedom of Information Requests		Action all FOI requests within appointed timescale.

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Visits to Licenced Pet Shops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	1 5	1 pet shop closed during year.
Visits to Licenced Animal Home Boarders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	4 2	2 Premises closed due to the Covid pandemic.
Inspection to Zoo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	1 1	
Companion Animal Complaints received	26	
Companion Animal Enquiries received	13	
Animal Health Complaints received.	36	
Primary – Planned Farm inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	1 0 1	
Unplanned/Non-primary Farm Inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	3 0 0	Multiple visits required to newly high risk rated premises – part of an ongoing investigation.
Primary alternative Inspections – RP05 Record Checks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	0 0 0	

Non-Primary alternative Inspections – RP05 Record Checks	0	
Newly identified/re-opened premises identified for inspection in this FY	6	
Newly identified/re-opened premises identified since beginning of FY	4	
Premises closed.	2	
Breach Report Investigations	0	
Enforcement Action Taken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prosecutions</li> <li>• Simple Cautions</li> <li>• Written warnings</li> <li>• Verbal warnings</li> <li>• Oral Advice</li> </ul>	1 0 0 0 0	Prosecution – Op Brutus [Redacted] – currently under investigation
Business Advice provided	1	
Bovine Tb Referrals	0	
Freedom of Information Requests	5	
Data returns for AHPA	0	Complete and submit data returns for AHPA in respect of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x Sheep Scab Returns; and</li> <li>• 2 x Prosecution Returns</li> <li>• 1 x WATO Return</li> </ul>
Intelligence Reports submitted	59	Levels of intelligence are already 20 higher than the whole of the preceding year.
Total Nos of AH premises:- H – 1 M – 12 L - 74		

**Notes:**

Work continues on all planned routine inspections and all targets are expected to be met. The Primary Zoo Inspection was completed on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and the report is awaited from the Zoo Inspectors.

Work is ongoing in relation to illegal dog breeding activities with the support of the Police and Trading Standards Wales Regional Investigation Team. A large number of potential targets are known to the police and active in OCG's working across several Local Authority areas.