

Proposed changes to legislation affecting the sale of kittens

If the proposed legislation changes take effect and you regularly sell kittens in England or Wales you will need a Small Animals/Reptile Pet shop licence to continue to sell them.

The licence is issued by your local authority on application. The authority may state that under current legislation you do not need a licence if you are only selling kittens. However when the change comes into effect you will need a licence from that date. It can take up to 28 days to be granted a licence to sell pets.

Also following on from the legislation change there will be a change to the licence requirements that include having to possess a qualification equivalent to an NVQ Level III in Animal Husbandry and Retail Sales or a Certificate of Experience in Animal Husbandry issued by an accredited authority. The GCCF should be the singular accredited authority for the issue of licences to cat breeders in the United Kingdom but as at this date they are not accredited and have not as far as is known applied for accreditation. Accreditation costs £4000 to apply and up to £9000 for certified documentation outlining the necessary experience and study required to attain the certificate.

If you have any questions on this subject please email the author or the website.

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