

## **IS YOUR DOG BOARDER LICENSED ? IF NOT ASK THEM WHY NOT ?**

The Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963 requires all premises where animals (dogs or cats) are boarded (either for day care and/or overnight) for payment to hold a licence.

Locally, Lancaster City Council brought in the Home Boarding licences on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, as the practice of home boarding has become progressively more widespread.

Such licences have already been in place in many areas of the UK for a number of years.

It is therefore now illegal for a person/business to board dogs / cats at their home for payment unless they have applied for and have been issued with a licence by Lancaster City Council. Licences are chargeable and renewable annually.

Licensed Home Boarders must ensure that their premises and procedures meet certain conditions that are checked by officers from the Animal Licensing team in Environmental Health.

These conditions are designed to ensure that customer's pets are cared for in clean, safe and secure environments and are provided with the necessary facilities, food, water, security and exercise they require and which they deserve.

Home Boarders must have the appropriate insurance in place to cover their activities and your animal while it is in their care.

If you care for your dog then Lancaster City Council advise you to only consider using a licensed home boarding establishment as they have been inspected and found to meet the necessary standards.

**Home Boarders with a current licence valid until 31/12/2016 are as follows:**

**BARKING MAD LTD: Franchisee and 13 local host homes licensed, [Kathryn.thompson@barkingmad.uk.com](mailto:Kathryn.thompson@barkingmad.uk.com) (01524) 401222**

**BAY DOG WALKERS, Morecambe, (01534) 416729, 07528120867, [baydogwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:baydogwalkers@gmail.com)**

**CANINE COMPANY, Galgate, 07503189657, [www.thecaninecompanyuk.com](http://www.thecaninecompanyuk.com), [caninecompany@mail.com](mailto:caninecompany@mail.com)**

**DOGGY DAY CARE HOME BOARDING, Lancaster, 07940414344, [karmcl@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:karmcl@tiscali.co.uk)**

**JUNE ASKEW: Halton, (01524) 811692**

**LEAD THE DOG: Lancaster, 07974079181, [info@leadthedog.co.uk](mailto:info@leadthedog.co.uk)**

**PEACE of MIND ANIMAL CARE: Heysham, 07900915589, 07833220336, [jakip74@gmail.com](mailto:jakip74@gmail.com)**

**TLC 4 YOUR PETS: Lancaster, 07811908579, [janete@tlc4yourpets.co.uk](mailto:janete@tlc4yourpets.co.uk)**

**TOP DOG SITTERS: 4 local licensed premises, 08456807174, [topdogsitters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:topdogsitters@hotmail.co.uk)**

