



Major Pet Food Recall: Bird Flu Contamination Alert

Description

Thousands of people in the UK are facing long delays to get their driving licenses. This issue is affecting new drivers who want to start driving and also those who need to renew their licenses. The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA), the organization that handles driving licenses, says the delays are because of a big backlog. A backlog happens when there are too many applications and not enough people to process them quickly.

The COVID-19 pandemic is one reason for the backlog. During the pandemic, the DVLA had to close its offices and reduce staff to keep everyone safe. This meant that fewer applications could be processed at a time. Even though the offices are open again, it takes time to catch up on all the work that piled up.

Some people have been waiting for months to get their new licenses, while others are worried they won't be able to drive because their current license has expired. Not having a valid license can cause problems, especially for people who need to drive for work or personal reasons.

The DVLA says they are aware of the problem and are working hard to fix it. They have hired more staff and extended working hours to deal with the issue. They are also encouraging people to apply online if possible, as this process is often faster than sending paper applications by mail.

In the meantime, many people are feeling frustrated. However, they hope that the DVLA's efforts will help reduce the waiting times soon, so everyone can get back on the road legally and safely.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Backlog** /'bæk.lɒg/ (noun): A build-up of tasks or work that need to be completed.
2. **Pandemic** /pæn'dɛm.ɪk/ (noun): An outbreak of a disease that occurs on a global scale.
3. **Frustrated** /frʌs'treɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Feeling upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something.
4. **Renew** /rɪ'nju:/ (verb): To extend the period of validity of something typically a license.
5. **Valid** /'væl.ɪd/ (adjective): Having legal force or effectiveness; acceptable and officially recognized.
6. **Efforts** /'ɛf.ərts/ (noun): Exertion of physical or mental energy to achieve a goal.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What is causing the long delays in getting driving licenses in the UK?
Option: COVID-19 pandemic
Option: DVLA system malfunction
Option: Staff shortages at DVLA
Option: Increase in applications
2. What organization handles driving licenses in the UK?
Option: DVLA
Option: DSA
Option: AA
Option: RAC
3. Why did the DVLA have to reduce staff during the COVID-19 pandemic?
Option: To keep everyone safe
Option: Cost-cutting measures
Option: Lack of applications
Option: Staff strike
4. What is one suggested solution by the DVLA to reduce delays?
Option: Hiring more staff
Option: Reducing working hours
Option: Processing applications slower
Option: Closing offices permanently
5. What alternative method of applying for a license is faster according to the text?
Option: Online
Option: By mail
Option: In person
Option: Through a third party
6. What impact can not having a valid license have on individuals?
Option: Difficulty driving for work or personal reasons
Option: No impact at all
Option: Fines by the government
Option: Increased insurance premiums



True-False

- 7. The DVLA had to close its offices during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 8. It is faster to send paper applications by mail rather than applying online according to the DVLA.
- 9. Not having a valid license does not cause any problems for individuals.
- 10. The DVLA has not taken any measures to address the delays in processing driving license applications.
- 11. Some people are waiting for months to get their new driving licenses.
- 12. The DVLA recommends applying online as a possible faster method for processing applications.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The DVLA had to close its offices during the _____ pandemic.
- 14. Some people have been waiting for months to get their new _____.
- 15. The DVLA says they are aware of the problem and are working hard to fix it from the _____ side.
- 16. The DVLA has extended working hours to deal with the issue of processing delays from the _____.
- 17. The DVLA is encouraging people to apply online if _____, as this process is often faster.
- 18. Many people are feeling _____ due to the long delays of getting their driving licenses.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. COVID-19 pandemic 2. DVLA 3. To keep everyone safe 4. Hiring more staff 5. Online 6. Difficulty driving for work or personal reasons



True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. COVID-19 14. licenses 15. DVLA 16. issue 17. possible 18. frustrated

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which natural disaster can significantly impact an ecosystem?
Option: Droughts
Option: Earthquakes
Option: Tornadoes
Option: Floods
2. Who conducts scientific studies and experiments to make new discoveries?
Option: Doctors
Option: Researchers
Option: Engineers
Option: Teachers
3. What is the instinctual drive to stay alive in challenging situations called?
Option: Relaxation
Option: Excitement
Option: Survival
Option: Adaptation
4. Which substance acts as a chemical messenger in the body?
Option: Vitamin
Option: Mineral
Option: Hormone
Option: Antibody
5. What is the obligation to take care of something or someone known as?
Option: Leisure
Option: Freedom
Option: Responsibility
Option: Carelessness
6. Where are well-equipped places or services provided for a particular purpose?
Option: Streets
Option: Homes



- Option: Parks
- Option: Facilities

7. What term is used to describe finding or learning something new?

- Option: Loss
- Option: Discovery
- Option: Forgetfulness
- Option: Mistake

8. What encourages an individual to take action or work towards a goal?

- Option: Procrastination
- Option: Motivation
- Option: Rejection
- Option: Demotivation

9. What is the bond or friendship between individuals or animals called?

- Option: Loneliness
- Option: Isolation
- Option: Companionship
- Option: Rivalry

10. What term describes a disease that spreads over a large geographic area?

- Option: Epidemic
- Option: Outbreak
- Option: Pandemic
- Option: Endemic

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Understanding the _____ nature of the human brain requires extensive research.

12. It is essential to take breaks to _____ one's energy and focus.

13. Always ensure that your sources of information are credible and _____.

14. Success is often the result of consistent hard work and determined _____.

15. Not achieving your goals can leave you feeling _____ and demotivated.

16. The team was well _____ to handle any challenges that came their way.



17. After the long weekend the company had a significant _____ of work to catch up on.
18. Proper communication is _____ in maintaining healthy relationships.
19. The couple strolled through the park at a _____ pace enjoying the sunshine.
20. Regular exercise and a balanced diet are essential for overall health and _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The immune system uses antibodies to protect the body from harmful invaders.
22. Scientists conduct controlled tests to study the effects of different variables.
23. Despite facing adversity the community showed remarkable strength and adaptability.
24. Individuals who volunteered for the research study were considered the participants.
25. The cozy blanket provided warmth and a sense of security during the cold night.
26. The pep talk from the coach inspired the team to give their best performance.
27. The interdependent relationships of plants animals and the environment form an ecosystem.
28. The state-of-the-art gymnasium offers top-notch facilities for fitness enthusiasts.
29. Endocrine glands secrete hormones that regulate various bodily functions.
30. Taking care of a pet comes with the responsibility of providing food shelter and love.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Droughts 2. Researchers 3. Survival 4. Hormone 5. Responsibility 6. Facilities 7. Discovery 8. Motivation 9. Companionship 10. Pandemic

Gap-Fill: 11. complex 12. renew 13. valid 14. efforts 15. frustrated 16. equipped 17. backlog 18. crucial 19. leisurely 20. well-being

Matching sentence: 1. Defenses 2. Experiments 3. Resilient 4. Participants 5. Comfort 6. Motivation 7. Ecosystem 8. Facilities 9. Hormones 10. Responsibility

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