

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.log/ (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** /frns'trei.tid/ (adjective): Feeling upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something.
- 4. Renew /rɪˈnjuː/ (verb): To extend the period of validity of something typically a license.
- 5. Valid /'væl.id/ (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

JEWS.COM 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

	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

CATEGORY

1. Health - LEVEL3



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