

Pet Animals Act 1951

Pet Shop Licence Conditions

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1. Animals shall at all times be kept in accommodation that is adequate in construction, size, amenities and position in the premises.
2. Where animals are kept in cages, hutches, boxes or other receptacles which are placed on top of other cages, boxes or other receptacles, effective means should be provided for preventing food or other droppings falling onto or contaminating the animals' food or other surroundings which are underneath.
3. Animals shall be adequately supplied with suitable food and drink and shall be visited at suitable intervals. All accommodation shall be cleaned daily or as often as is necessary.
4. No mammal shall be sold unweaned or, if weaned, at an age which it should not have been weaned.
5. No animal shall be displayed in a cage, hutch or box or other receptacle in such a position that it can be interfered with by other animals or unauthorised persons.
6. Animals shall not be displayed for sale outside the premises during unsuitable weather.
7. All excreta and soiled bedding shall be stored in suitably covered metal or other impervious containers until removed from the premises as soon as practicable and disposed of to the satisfaction of the appropriate local authority. All refuse containers shall be maintained in a clean condition.
8. All necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent the introduction or harbourage of rodents, insects and any other pests to the premises.
9. All animal foods shall be stored in suitably covered metal or other impervious closed containers so that the quality of the food can be preserved. These containers should be of such design to allow easy cleaning.
10. Animals shall not be handed to customers in unsuitable containers.
11. The licensee shall ensure that a responsible person shall at all times be in, or within, reasonable distance from the premises for the purpose of giving warning and taking other necessary steps in the event of fire or other emergency. In case of absence of the responsible resident, the licensee shall appoint a responsible person residing within a reasonable distance of the premises to have custody of a duplicate key. The name, address and telephone number of such persons shall be displayed in legible characters on the front door or window of the premises and shall be notified to the Fire Authority and the Police.
12. Animals and stock shall not be placed or kept in or outside the shop as to obstruct entrance or exit from the shop in the case of fire or other emergency.
13. Fire fighting equipment, including extinguishers, shall be provided as approved by the Fire Officer and shall be sited as so directed by him. The licensee shall ensure that the fire appliances remain accessible and maintained in good condition.

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14. No animal which is suffering from, or could reasonably be suspected of having come into contact with any other animal suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or which is infested with parasites shall be brought into or kept on the premises unless effectively isolated.
15. The maximum numbers and types of animals permitted to be kept on the premises to which the licence refers are set out in the licence and shall not be exceeded.
16. The numbers of animals that may be kept on the premises must be displayed on the premises.
17. No animals shall be directly imported except by licensees who have satisfied the local authority as to their ability to quarantine or handle consignments of animals under suitable conditions.
18. A register of animals shall be kept by the proprietor of the pet shop which must be produced on demand by the authorised inspectors.
19. The name and address of the purchaser of any animal to which the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 applies shall immediately be notified to the local authority.
20. All cages used for rabbits, guinea pigs and gerbils to be provided with a screened area for sleeping.

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