

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENCE CONDITIONS

RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF A PET SHOP UNDER THE PET ANIMALS ACT 1951 (AS AMENDED) (SECTION 1(3))

Accommodation

- 1) Animals must at all times be kept in accommodation suitable with respect to construction, size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness. Housing must be constructed of non-porous materials or be appropriately treated. Animals must not be exposed to draughts.
- 2) Animals must not be kept in housing or other receptacles such that they can be interfered with by other animals or the public. All livestock for sale must be readily accessible and easy to inspect.
- 3) Where accommodation is on a tiered system, water, food or other droppings must not be allowed to enter the lower housing.

Register of Animals

- 4) A Livestock Purchase Register must be maintained for all livestock. A Sales Register must be maintained for puppies, kittens, psittacines and species contained in the Schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (was modified).

Health and Disease

- 5) All stock must be sold in good health as far as can be reasonably determined without Veterinary inspection. Any sick or injured animal must receive appropriate care and treatment without delay.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Puppies and kittens from individual litters should be housed separately.

- 8) Veterinary advice and/or treatment should be sought whenever necessary.
- 9) All necessary precautions must be taken to prevent the introduction to the premises, and harbourage of rodents, insects and other pests.

Food and Drink

- 10) Animals must be adequately supplied with suitable food and drink, and should be visited at suitable intervals – in no circumstances less than daily. Food and drink receptacles must be constructed and positioned to minimise faecal contamination.
- 11) All food, excluding live foods, intended for livestock must be stored in impervious, closed containers. Containers and equipment used for food must be kept clean.

Excreta and Soiled Bedding

- 12) Excreta and soiled bedding must be suitably stored at the premises, removed on a regular basis, and disposed of in accordance with current Regulations and good waste practice.

Sale of Livestock

- 13) Livestock must be transported or handed to purchasers in suitable containers.
- 14) No mammal shall be sold unweaned or, if weaned, at an age at which it should not have been weaned. Non-mammals must be capable of feeding themselves.

Dangerous Wild Animals

- 15) When dangerous animals are kept, the cages must be of a secure construction appropriate to the species. A fine wire mesh, glass or plastic barrier must be incorporated into the cage system.
- 16) Licensees selling animals on the Schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act should inspect the purchaser's Licence to keep such an animal, and inform the issuing Authority of the details of the purchase.

Appropriate Knowledge

- 17) No animal should be stocked or sold unless the licensee and employees (as appropriate) are familiar with the care and welfare of that animal.

Fire and Other Emergency Precautions

- 18) Suitable emergency precautions shall exist and be made known to all staff, including arrangement for evacuation of livestock. Animals and stock shall not be placed or kept in or outside the premises so as to render ingress and egress difficult in the case of fire or other emergency.
- 19) Fire extinguishers and other fire fighting equipment, as appropriate, should be provided, maintained and sited in accordance with Fire Officer requirements.
- 20) The Licensee, or a designated, keyholder, must at all times be within reasonable distance of the premises and available to visit in case of emergency. A list of keyholders must be lodged with the local Police and Fire Brigade.
- 21) An emergency telephone number must be displayed conspicuously on the outside of the premises; this may either be a keyholder or the emergency 999.
- 22) When Licensed premises are sited within other premises, the Licensee or keyholders must have access at all times to the premises containing the livestock.

It is a legal requirement for persons licensed to keep a pet shop to ensure the above licence conditions are complied with [Section 1(7) Pet Animals Act 1951 (as amended)].

Approved:

Health & Works Committee