

Pet Animals Act 1951 – licence conditions

Schedule A – General conditions

1. Licence Display

1.1 *The licence or a copy of the licence must be suitably displayed to the public in a prominent position*

2. Accommodation

2.1 Animals must at all times be kept in *accommodation designed to prevent escape* and an environment suitable to their species and condition with respect to *behavioural needs, situation, size, temperature, ventilation, and cleanliness*. All accommodation must avoid drafts and overexposure to direct sunlight and must be kept in good repair.

2.2 Ventilation must be provided to all interior areas without the creation of excessive, localized draughts

2.3 If animals are displayed outdoors, they must have protection appropriate to their species

2.4 *In order to control the spread of disease, and to prevent injury, housing must be constructed of non-porous materials or be appropriately treated. Junctions between all sections need to be fully cleanable.*

2.5 Animals must be kept in housing which minimises stress from other animals or the public. *Signage must be in place to deter public interference.*

2.6 All *animals* for sale must be readily accessible and easy to inspect by staff.

2.7 Accommodation must be cleaned as often as necessary to maintain good hygiene standards

2.8 Where accommodation is on a tiered system, water, food or droppings must not be allowed to enter the lower housing

2.9 All accessories provided *for environmental enrichment* in the accommodation must be appropriate for the species.

3. Exercise Facilities

3.1 *Suitable and sufficient* facilities must be available where appropriate.

4. Register of Animals

4.1 A purchase register must be maintained for all *animals detailing their source and where appropriate their identification.*

4.2 A sales register must be maintained for:

- Dogs
- Cats
- Psittacines
- Species contained in the Schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

4.3 *Animals under veterinary treatment must be identifiable.*

5. Stocking Numbers and Densities

5.1 No animals other than those specified in the licence, may be stocked. The maximum numbers of animals to be stocked on the premises will be governed by the accommodation available as defined by the stocking density lists detailed in the schedules attached to these licence conditions.

Note: Animals are defined as any vertebrate animals.

5.2 This licence permits the keeping of the undernoted categories of animals:-

1. *Dogs*
2. *Cats*
3. *Rabbits*
4. *Other small mammals e.g guinea pigs, gerbils, hamsters, rats and mice*
5. *Ferrets*
6. *Birds*
7. *Reptiles and Amphibians*
8. *Fish*
9. *Other species e.g DWA*

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5.3 *Where appropriate, all animals must be housed in social groups of suitable size.*

6. Health Disease and Acclimatisation

6.1 All animals for sale must be in good health

6.2 Any sick or injured animal must receive appropriate care and treatment without delay. *These must only be treated by appropriately competent staff or veterinary surgeons.*

6.3 Provision must be made for the isolation of sick/injured/infectious animals *and those that might reasonably be expected to be carrying serious infectious diseases.*

6.4 Any animal with an abnormality which would materially affect its quality of life, must not be offered for sale. When in doubt, veterinary advice should be sought.

6.5 All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the outbreak and spread of disease. 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.

6.6 All necessary precautions must be taken to prevent harbourage, or the introduction to the premises, of rodents, insects and other pests.

Note: "Rodent" and "Insect" excludes animals for sale or feeding

7. Food and Drink

7.1 Animals must be supplied with adequate amounts of food and drink, appropriate to their needs at suitable intervals, All food must be suitable for the species concerned.

7.2 Food and Drink receptacles must be sufficient in number and appropriate to the species, constructed and positioned to minimise faecal *and urine* contamination *and spillage*. Receptacles must be cleaned out at regular intervals.

8. Food Storage

8.1 All food, excluding live foods intended for feeding to animals on the premises, must be stored in impervious closed containers.

8.2 The containers and equipment used for feeding must be kept in a clean *and sound* condition.

9. Observation

9.1 All animals must be attended to at regular intervals, at least once daily, and as appropriate to the *individual animal*.

10. Disposal of Waste

10.1 All excreta and soiled bedding for disposal must be kept in a hygienic manner and stored in impervious containers with close fitting lids - *away from direct sunlight*.

11. Transportation of Animals

11.1 When receiving *animals*, the licensee must make reasonable effort to ensure that they are transported in a suitable manner.

11.2 Any animals received or consigned shall be transported according to the regulations laid down in current legislation.

11.3 Animals must be transported or handed to purchasers in suitable containers.

12. Sale of Animals

12.1 No mammal shall be sold un-weaned or, if weaned, at an age at which it should not have been weaned.

12.2 In the case of non-mammals, they must be capable of feeding themselves.

13. Dangerous Wild Animals as defined by the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

13.1 When dangerous wild animals are kept, the cages must be of a secure construction appropriate to the species and kept locked.

13.2 The local authority must be notified in the event that the pet shop wishes to offer for sale, any animal on the Schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act.

14. Pet care advice, staff training and knowledge

14.1 *New applicants must have a qualification or be registered with a recognized body such as City & Guilds. They must have suitably progressed in 12 months and have completed the qualification within 2 years.*

14.2 The licensee must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the correct care of the animal *covering feeding, housing, handling, husbandry, accessories and veterinary care.*

14.3 Appropriate reference materials on the care of each species must always be available for use by staff.

14.4 Staff members must be able to provide suitable advice to purchasers and answer questions as required by them. No animal should be stocked or sold unless the staff or at least one member of staff on call is familiar with the care and welfare of the animals stocked and has a recognised qualification and/or suitable experience/ training.

14.5 The licensee must be able to demonstrate appropriate staff training is carried out and that *staff are competent in pet shop management and animal handling.*

15. Fire and other emergency precautions

15.1 Suitable emergency precautions and written procedures must exist and be made known to all staff, including arrangements for evacuation of animals.

15.2 Entrances and exits must be clear of obstructions at all times.

15.3 Suitable fire fighting, prevention and detection equipment must be provided, maintained, regularly serviced and sited as advised by the local fire protection/prevention officer and approved by the local authority.

15.4 The licensee, or a designated key holder, must at all times be within reasonable travelling distance of the premises and available to attend in case of emergency.

15.5 A list of key holders must be logged with the local police *and local authority*.

15.6 In the interests of animal welfare, the following notice must be displayed prominently at the front of the premises: "In case of an emergency dial 999".

15.7 When pet shops are sited within other premises, the licensee or key holders must have access at all times to the premises containing the animals.

15.8 *All electrical installations and appliances must be maintained in a safe condition.*

15.9 *There must be an effective contingency plan for essential heating, ventilation and aeration/ filtration systems, as appropriate.*

Note: These conditions are based on the "Model Conditions for Pet Vending Licensing 2013" – the full guidance may be seen on the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health website at <http://www.cieh.org/policy/default.aspx?id=47608>

SCHEDULE 1 STOCKING DENSITIES – CAGED ANIMALS

TYPE	FLOOR AREA (SQ CM)		
	LENGTH (CM)	SINGLE	EACH ADDITIONAL
PARROTS, PARRAKEETS, BUDGERIGAR, ETC			
African Grey		1250	625
Amazon	Up to 35	1000	500
	35-40	1250	625
	Over 40	2000	750
Budgerigar		650	200
Cockatiel		1000	250
Cockatoo	Up to 35	1250	625
	35 - 40	2000	1000
	Over 45	2750	1325
Lovebird		750	200
Macaw	Up to 40	1250	625
	40 - 60	2250	1000
	Over 60	3750	1200
Parrakeet (including Conure, Kakariki, Rosella)	Up to 25	1000	250
	25 - 35	1000	250
	Over 35	1400	450
Parrot (including Caique, Pronus, Senegal, Meyer's)	Over 35	1500	750

Parrotlet		400	200
Hanging Parrot		450	250
Lories and Lorikeets	Up to 22.5	800	250
	Over 30	2000	500
SEEDEATERS			
Canary		650	250
Cardinal		1000	250
Dove and Pigeon	Up to 22.5	450	250
	Over 22.5	1250	625
Finch (including Mannikin, Silverbill Sparrow, Waxbill)	Up to 12.5	650	100
	12.5–17.5	750	150
	Over 17.5	1000	200
Grossbeak		1000	200
Quail	Up to 15	450	250
	15 - 20	650	375
	Over 20	1000	500
Weaver	Up to 15	650	150
	Over 15	1000	200
Whydah (male with full tail)*	Up to 40	1000	200
	Over 40	2000	275
*female and male in non-breeding plumage as Weaver			

TYPE	FLOOR AREA (SQ CM)		
	LENGTH (CM)	SINGLE	EACH ADDITIONAL
SOFTBILLS			
Barbet	Up to 20	1250	275
	Over 20	1400	450
Bulbil, Fruitsucker		1000	250
Fairy Bluebird, Oriole		1250	250
Jay, Jay-Thrush (Laughing Thrush)	Up to 25	1500	250
	25 - 35	2000	500
Magpie	Over 35	4000	1000
Mynah hill		1500	250
Pekin robin, Mesia		1000	200
Starling (including small mynahs)	Up to 20	1000	250
	Over 20	1500	375
Tanager, Sugar Bird	Up to 15	1000	250
	Over 15	1000	250
Thrush (incl Shama)		1000	375
Toucan		3750	1000
Toucanette, Aracari		2000	625

Touraco		2000	625
Zosterops		750	100

N.B. All birds should be housed in accommodation which allows the full spreading of wings.

**SCHEDULE 2
STOCKING DENSITIES – SMALL MAMMALS**

SPECIES	MINIMUM FLOOR AREA*		MINIMUM CAGE HEIGHT (CM)
	SINGLE	EACH ADDITIONAL	
Mice	200	50	20
Hamsters	300	75	20
Gerbils	300	75	20
Rats	500	125	20
Guinea Rigs	700	175	20
Rabbits	2000	500	50
Kittens	2000	500	50
Puppies	10000	2500	50

* Minimum floor areas apply to young stock. For adult stock offered for sale the dimensions should be doubled. For advice on the age of stock, you are advised to contact the veterinary surgeon.

N.B. The range of behavioural opportunities for many of the animals listed in the above Schedule will be increased by enriching the environment with such accessories as shredded paper, pieces of wood, toilet rolls, lengths of piping etc.

The installation of shelving in rabbit cages is particularly beneficial to rabbits as they like to spend a lot of time off the cage floor.

SCHEDULE 3 STOCKING DENSITIES – ORNAMENTAL FISH

It is virtually impossible to determine the quantity of fish to be kept in tank purely on a weight/volume or numbers of fish/volume.

The variation in system design, husbandry techniques and types of fish involved would render any such method too simple to be useful or too complicated to be practical.

The maintenance of water quality standards is essential and is a simple but effective way to determine stocking densities.

WATER QUALITY CRITERIA (1mg/litre – 1ppm)		
COLD WATER		
* Dissolved Oxygen	- min	6 mg/litre
* Free Ammonia	- max	0.02 mg/litre
Nitrite	- max	0.2 mg/litre
Nitrate	- max	50 mg/litre above ambient tapwater
TROPICAL FISH		
* Dissolved Oxygen	- min	6 mg/litre
* Free Ammonia	- max	0.02 mg litre
Nitrite	- max	0.2 mg litre
Nitrate	- max	50 mg/litre above ambient tapwater
TROPICAL MARINE SPECIES		
*Dissolved Oxygen	- min	5.5 mg/litre
*Free Ammonia	- max	0.01 mg/litre
Nitrite	- max	0.125 mg/litre
Nitrate	- max	40 mg/litre – this is an absolute figure; it does not relate to ambient tapwater
*pH (tropical marine only)	- min	8.1

- * These parameters should be checked first. Only if a problem exists with these tests is it necessary to check nitrite and nitrate levels.

**SCHEDULE 4
STOCKING DENSITIES – OTHER SPECIES**

Accommodation must be provided appropriate to size, age and type of species.

Further advice may be obtained from organisations such as the Pet Trade and Industrial Association, the Universities' Federation for Animal Welfare, The British Herpetological Society etc.

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