

**Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963  
Commercial Cattery Boarding of Cats  
Licensing Conditions**

<b>1</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>
a)	Unless otherwise stated, these conditions shall apply to all buildings and areas to which dogs have access and/or are used in association with the boarding of cats.
b)	No animals other than cats are to be boarded within the licensed facilities without the written approval of an authorised officer of Highland Council.
c)	Where stray cats are accepted by the cattery they must be kept in a separate area away, physically isolated from other boarded cats or main activity areas. The separation distance must be a minimum of 5m.
d)	A cat 'unit' comprises enclosed sleeping accommodation and an adjoining individual covered exercise run.
e)	Cats from different households must not share cat units.

<b>2</b>	<b>LICENCE DISPLAY</b>
a)	A copy of the Licence and its conditions must be suitably displayed to the public in a prominent position at the boarding establishment. All cat owners must be made aware of where the Licence is displayed and the conditions attached to the Licence.

<b>3</b>	<b>The following conditions relate to the CIEH Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Cat Boarding Establishments 2013 as amended. Compliance with that document will be deemed as compliance with the licence conditions.</b>
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<b>A</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Physical Construction &amp; Integrity</b>
1.1-1.11	The cattery must be safe, secure and free from hazards, to minimise any chance of injury to a cat or escape of a cat.
1.12-1.14	Drainage must be effective to ensure there is no standing water in the cattery, as this can be a reservoir for infectious agents.
1.15-1.23	The cattery must have a suitably designed and constructed enclosed area (safety corridor/entrance lobby) to ensure that if cats manage to slip out from their individual cat unit, they are still kept safely inside the cattery.
1.24	There must be a safe, secure, waterproof roof over all of the cat units (sleeping accommodation and run) and the safety corridor. For the run, materials used must be capable of filtering UV light and providing adequate shade.
<b>2</b>	<b>Cat Units</b>
2.2	There must be adequate lighting in the cat unit.
2.3	Ventilation must be appropriate all year round (both cool in hot weather and avoiding cold draughts in winter). Localised draughts in the sleeping accommodation Ventilation must be appropriate all year round (both cool in hot weather and avoiding cold draughts in winter). Localised draughts in the sleeping accommodation must be avoided.
2.4-2.9	For disease prevention units must be easy to clean and disinfect.
2.10-2.12	Each unit needs to be easily accessible and provide a means of identification for each cat
2.13-2.18	There must be adequate provision of litter trays. Trays must be regularly and appropriately cleaned (See section E – Health and Welfare, for information on cleaning protocols, and waste disposal).
<b>3</b>	<b>Sleeping Accommodation</b>
3.1-3.6	Adequate provisions for sleeping accommodation must be provided.
3.7-3.16	Adequate provisions must be made for monitoring temperature in the cat sleeping accommodation. A safe and adequate means of heating the sleeping accommodation must be provided.
3.17-3.19	Adequate and appropriate bedding must be provided.

3.20	A cat must have access between the sleeping accommodation and an exercise run.
<b>4</b>	<b>Exercise Run</b>
4.1-4.6	The exercise run must be of an adequate and appropriate size and structure The exercise run must be large enough to allow cats to play or exercise and must include a suitable shelf or other facility for providing a raised area.
4.7-4.8	Appropriate provision of sneeze barriers must be made.
<b>5</b>	<b>Fire &amp; Other Emergencies</b>
5.1-5.5	Appropriate steps must be taken for the protection of the animals in case of fire and other emergencies

<b>B</b>	<b>DIET</b>
1.1-2.15	Adequate and appropriate provision must be made for providing cats with fresh clean water and a suitable diet in appropriate containers.

<b>C</b>	<b>BEHAVIOUR</b>
1.1-3.1	Adequate and appropriate provision must be made for meeting the mental and behavioural needs of the cats. .

<b>D</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
1.1-3.6	Adequate and appropriate provision must be made for each cat to have solitude or company according to their requirements.

<b>E</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
1.1-1.4	Adequate provision must be made for monitoring and recording the health and wellbeing of each cat.

<b>2</b>	<b>Records</b>
2.1-2.11	A suitable register must be kept of all cats boarded and available to key members of staff and to local authority inspectors.
<b>3</b>	<b>Disease Control</b>
3.1-3.6	Adequate and appropriate measures must be in place to control the spread of disease and to provide a rapid response to any signs of illness.
<b>4</b>	<b>Hygiene Practices</b>
4.1	Cleaning & disinfection products must be suitable to use and effective against the pathogens, (especially feline parvovirus (FIE) and ringworm)) for which the cats are at risk and under the conditions present in the environment in which they are used.
4.2	Cleaning agents and disinfectants must be non-toxic to cats.
4.3-4.10	An adequate and appropriate cleaning and disinfecting routine must be identified and followed.
4.11-4.12	Adequate and appropriate hygiene protocols must be identified and followed when handling cats.
<b>5</b>	<b>Vaccination, Fleas, Worms &amp; Other Parasites</b>
5.1-5.3	<p>Adequate and appropriate measures should be taken to prevent the spread of fleas, worms and other parasites. Any cat showing signs of illness on arrival should not be admitted to the premises.</p> <p>An up-to-date veterinary vaccination record must be seen to ensure that cats to be boarded have current vaccinations against feline parvovirus (feline infectious enteritis) (FIE)) and against feline respiratory viruses (feline herpesvirus and feline calicivirus). The date of the most recent vaccination must be recorded with a valid until date. Primary vaccination courses must be completed at least 2 weeks before boarding.</p> <p>If there is any doubt about the validity of a vaccination certificate, the operator should consult the veterinary surgery which issued the certificate. Occasionally there may also be veterinary advice on a specific cat regarding vaccination and its health status and this should be taken into account.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Isolation Facilities</b>
6.1-6.9	Adequate and appropriate isolation facilities must be provided and protocols put in place in the event of a cat developing signs of an infectious disease.
<b>7</b>	<b>Veterinary Treatment &amp; Healthcare</b>
7.1-7.3	Adequate and appropriate arrangements should be in place for the purposes of obtaining veterinary advice or care as required.
7.4	Medicines must be stored safely, securely, at the correct temperature and labelled correctly according to manufacturer's instructions. Any unused

	medications must be returned to the owner or prescribing vet.
<b>8</b>	<b>Holding units for temporary housing of cats are not permitted.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Transportation of Animals</b>
9.1	Any legislation relating to the transportation of animals must be complied with.
9.2-9.4	Adequate and appropriate arrangements must be in place for the safe and hygienic transport of cats.

<b>F</b>	<b>NEW BUILD</b>
	As knowledge and materials change, recommendations for better construction and care can change. For anyone undertaking a new build cattery the advice and recommendations in Section F of the CIEH Guidance must be followed.

**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/model-licence-conditions-and-guidance-for-cat-boarding-establishments.html>