

PET SHOP LICENCE CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH THE LICENCE IS GRANTED

1. Animals shall at 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 the top of other cages, hutches boxes or other receptacles, effective means should be provided for preventing water, food or other droppings falling onto or contaminating the animals food or other surroundings which are underneath.
3. Animals shall be adequately supplied with food and drink and shall be visited at suitable intervals. All accommodation should be cleaned daily, or as often as is necessary.
4. No mammal shall be sold un-weaned, or if weaned, at an age where it should not have been weaned.
5. No animal shall be displayed in a cage, hutch, 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 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 is practicable and disposed of to the satisfaction of the appropriate local authority. All refuse containers should be maintained in a clean condition.
8. All necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent the introduction of the harbourage of rodents, insects and any other pests to the premises.
9. All animal food 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 should not be handed to customers in unsuitable containers.
11. The licensee should 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 local fire brigade and police.
12. Animals and stock shall not be placed or kept in or outside the shop so as to obstruct entrance to 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 chief fire officer and shall be sited as so directed by him. The licensee shall ensure that the fire appliances remain accessible and maintained in a good condition.
14. No animal which is suffering from, or could reasonably be suspected of having come into contact with any other animal suffering from any infections or contagious disease or which is infested with parasites shall be brought into or kept on the premises unless effectively isolated.
15. The numbers of animals which may be kept on the premises must be displayed on the premises.
16. Exhibition animals kept in the shop should be considered as requiring proper accommodation and animals not for sale should have a notice stating that fact.

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 inspector.
19. Pet shops selling animals on the schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act should ascertain that the buyer is licensed or duly authorised to keep such animals.
20. All new licence holders shall within 12 months of obtaining a licence, obtain a suitable qualification in Pet Care, e.g. The City and Guilds Certificate in Pet Shop Management.