

Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

Licensing Conditions

1. While any animal is being kept under the authority of the licence:
 - i) the animal shall not be kept by any person other than the person or persons specified on the licence
 - ii) the animal shall only be kept at such premises as are specified in the licence.
 - iii) the animal shall not be moved from the premises except in the following circumstances, namely, where that movement is subject to a specific variation of this licence granted by the Council.
 - iv) the person to whom the licence is granted shall hold a current public liability insurance policy which insures him and any other person authorised to keep the relevant animals under the terms of the licence and shall produce the relevant policy document to the authority for inspection at the time of application or renewal.
 - v) the insurance policy at iv) will only be accepted by the council if in their opinion the terms of it are deemed to be satisfactory.
2. The species and number of animals of each species which may be kept under the authority of the licence shall be restricted to those specified in the licence.
3. The person to whom the licence is granted shall at all reasonable times make available a copy of the licence to any person entitled to keep any animal under the authority of the licence.
4. The Council may attach any other supplemental conditions it thinks fit to a licence having regard to the specific type of animal to be kept. Any supplemental conditions will be based on the recommendations of a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, which will be sought prior to the issue of a licence, and which will vary depending on the species of animal to be kept and the proposed accommodation. For the avoidance of doubt different conditions may apply to different species of animal held at the same premises under the terms of the licence granted.
5. Any variation of the licence for movement of animals from the premises must be sought by notifying the Licensing Officer on telephone number 01444 477419 as soon as possible and at least 24 hours before the movement is to take place. The application for variation need not be in writing, but must contain the following information:-
 - a) the destination
 - b) the Local Authority in whose area the animals will be staying
 - c) the duration of the stay
 - d) the species and number of animals concerned.

6. The person to whom the Licence is granted shall ensure that, by virtue of keeping the animals specified in the licence, all reasonable precautions are taken:
 - e) to protect the safety of the public; and
 - f) to ensure that no nuisance is caused to the public.
7. The Licence holder will comply with the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 , including the code of practice for the welfare of privately kept non-human primates and in respect of issues including, but not limited to, the need for relevant animals to:
 - g) be kept in a suitable environment
 - h) be provided with a suitable diet
 - i) exhibit normal behaviour patterns
 - j) be protected from pain, injury, suffering or disease etc.
8. Any animal which is being kept under the authority of the Licence shall be:
 - k) held in accommodation which secures that the animal will not escape, which is suitable as regards its construction, size, temperature, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness, and which is suitable for the number of animals proposed to be held in the accommodation; and
 - l) supplied with adequate and suitable food, drink and bedding material and be visited at regular daily intervals by a competent person.
9. Adequate proposals shall be made for the protection of animals in case of fire or other emergency. Such proposals will be submitted in writing for approval at the time of application and again with each renewal application.
10. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases. The licence holder shall be guided by any specific recommendations made by a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner. For the avoidance of doubt, the advice of veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner shall immediately be sought in the event of an outbreak of any infectious diseases.
11. Adequate provision shall be put in place to secure that animals kept at the premises can take adequate exercise within the confines of the accommodation they occupy.
12. Where pursuant to clause 1(iii), transportation of animals from the premises to another location necessary, all vehicles and cages used as part of that process must be suitable for the number and species of animals transported and all reasonable steps shall be taken to avoid unnecessary suffering of the animals whilst in transit. Where appropriate the vehicle shall be fitted with double security doors and windows to prevent any part of the animal protruding.
13. Whilst in transit and other times when necessary, the animal(s) shall be in the charge of a suitable experienced person capable of controlling them. That person shall not be less than 18 years of age.
14. The holder of a licence shall be deemed to be the keeper of an animal and all references within these conditions to the term, "the person to whom the licence is granted" shall be construed accordingly.
15. A person is deemed to be the keeper of the animal if he has the animal in his possession and the presumption of possession continues even if the animal escapes or it is being transported whether under the keeper's authority or not.

16. Where an animal is transported outside of the Council's administrative area, the person to whom the licence is granted shall comply with any reasonable instructions in respect of the animal given by an authorised officer of the Council or the Council in whose area the animal is for the time being present within, and shall provide a copy of this licence for the information of the said authorised officer(s).
17. The person to whom the licence is granted must be 18 years of age or over and shall not be disqualified from holding a licence under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 ("the 1976 Act"). Where a person has been convicted of an offence under the 1976 Act or under any other animal welfare or animal licensing legislation, or has been disqualified from keeping animals, no licence shall be issued.
18. If a dangerous wild animal is kept in contravention of a licence condition, the Council may seize the animal and retain it, destroy it, or otherwise dispose of it. The Council shall not in consequence of exercising the powers under the provision be liable for compensation, and may recover its costs incurred in exercising those powers from the keeper of the animal at the time of this seizure.
19. A person authorised by the Council may, upon production of his authority for inspection by the keeper, enter a premises that are either licensed under the 1976 Act or specified in an application for a licence, at all reasonable times, for the purpose of inspecting the premises whether to assess its suitability for the issue of a licence or to assess its compliance with the terms of a licence, whichever may be applicable.
20. The Licensing Authority must be notified immediately of any animal, the subject of this licence, which escapes or becomes lost. Notification will be defined as: speaking to and discussing the incident with an officer of the council or if the incident occurs out of normal office hours speaking to and discussing the incident with the council's 'out of hours service'.