

DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE CONDITIONS DOMESTIC PREMISES

1. Number of Breeding Bitches

1.1 The number of breeding bitches accommodated at the establishment at any one time shall not exceed the number stated on the licence.

2. Record Keeping

2.1 Detailed records should be kept concerning the operation of the breeding establishment and be available for inspection by the licensing officer. The information kept must include the following:

- Register of all bitches, their ages, oestrus dates and 'Indentichip'/tattoo number
- KC register details (non-KC dogs should be identified by some other suitable method)
- Dates and times of mating
- Details of dogs owned by the licensees who are not kept at the premises
- A sale register of all puppies sold including purchasers name and address, date puppy sold and any other relevant identification details
- Dates and times of vaccinations and worm treatment details
- Details of the vehicles used for transporting dogs as well as time and length of journeys
- Feeding times and exercise routines
- Accommodation temperatures, where appropriate
- Any veterinary treatments or medicines needed

Records must be kept available for a minimum of 24 months. Where records are computerised, a hard copy must be kept.

2.2 If puppies are offered for sale to a licensed pet shop they must be wearing a suitable collar with an identifying tag or badge.

3. Accommodation

3.1 Dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects construction, size of quarters, numbers of occupants, exercising and whelping facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness, with special regard to the breeds maintained.

3.2 Natural or artificial lighting of individual kennels must be sufficient to allow the proper working and cleaning of kennels, with no dark areas.

3.3 Kennels must be of sufficient size for dogs to stand up and turn around comfortably. If a bench is provided for the sleeping area, there must be in

addition an area of similar size unbenched.

3.4 All exercise runs must have an area by the entrance which is paved or surfaced with other suitable material in order to prevent undue fouling of the ground

3.5 All dogs accommodated at the premises must be provided with bedding material suitable to the breeds kept and must be given adequate exercise. Where sleeping benches are provided these should be of such dimensions as to allow an adult dog of the breed maintained to lie out flat on its side.

3.6 Facilities must be provided for the collection of all used bedding and other waste material. This must be disposed of in a manner approved by the local authority and in a way not likely to cause nuisance or harm.

3.7 All heating appliances must be of such construction as to constitute no risk of fire, and not to endanger the health and well being of occupants. In addition, if free standing oil appliances are used, they must be installed in an area inaccessible to dogs. All heating and lighting should be installed in accordance with normal good practice and advice on the subject should be obtained from the fire prevention officer.

3.8 Dogs and equipment must not be placed in such a position as to render entry or exit difficult in case of fire.

3.9 Whelping must not take place in a domestic kitchen for public health reasons.

3.10 Impermeable floor coverings should be provided to prevent fluids and discharges from fouling wooden floors and similar surfaces.

4. Management, Health and Welfare

4.1 Dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised, and, so far as necessary, visited at suitable intervals (see condition 4.3).

4.2 A fit and proper person should always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies.

4.3 Dogs must be checked on regularly throughout the day. It is recommended that dogs should be checked at least every four hours between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Checks should be more frequent when bitches are whelping and puppies are not yet weaned.

4.4 All dogs must be adequately supplied with suitable food. Clean water must be available at all times and changed daily.

4.5 The food preparation area and equipment must be kept clean and vermin free at all times. Refrigeration facilities must be provided where fresh meat is used.

4.6 All bulk supplies of food must be kept in vermin free containers

4.7 Eating and drinking vessels must be capable of being easily cleansed and disinfected to prevent cross-contamination. They must be maintained in a clean condition and cleansed or disposed of after each meal.

4.8 There must be some part of the sleeping area where the dog is able to enjoy a minimum temperature of 10°C (50°F) and a maximum temperature of 26°C (79°F). Temperatures should be monitored and recorded (see condition 2.1).

4.9 All dogs must be vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Leptospirosis and Canine Parvovirus. It may be necessary to vaccinate against other diseases and veterinary advice should be sought.

4.10 It is recommended that puppies and adults should be wormed at regular intervals according to veterinary advice or manufacturer's instructions.

4.11 Appropriate treatment must be carried out against fleas, lice, ticks and harvest mites if they are found on any of the dogs. Regular inspection of the dogs is recommended.

4.12 Advice from the veterinary surgeon must be sought where a dog shows signs of disease, injury or illness. A competent person must ensure this advice is followed.

4.13 A fully maintained first-aid kit suitable for use on dogs and puppies must be available and accessible on the premises.

4.14 All appropriate steps must be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency. An evacuation plan must be in place and practised at least annually. Smoke detectors are also recommended and should be tested regularly.

4.15 All appropriate steps must be taken to insure that all dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment. Records must be kept of these journeys (see condition 2.1).

4.16 Facilities for isolation should be available when required. A record should be kept of the usage and any treatments given (see condition 2.1).

4.17 Isolation facilities must be in compliance with the other licence conditions. It must be physically isolated from other dogs ideally at a distance of at least 5m (15ft).

4.18 Protective clothing and equipment, for use only in the isolation facility, must be used to reduce the spread of infection.