

BREEDING OF DOGS ACT 1973

Standard Licence Conditions subject to which Licence is Granted

1. The number of breeding bitches accommodated at the establishment at any one time shall not exceed (NUMBER TO BE INSERTED).
2. Accommodation provided for bitches and puppies must be in all respects suitable as regards construction, size of quarters, exercising and whelping facilities, temperature, ventilation and cleanliness, with especial regard to the breeds maintained.
3. Natural or artificial lighting of individual kennels must be sufficient to allow the proper working and cleaning of kennels, with no dark areas.
4. Kennels must be in 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.
5. All excreta and soiled material must be removed at least twice daily from living areas, and at least once daily from the exercise area. The floor of the living areas must be clean and dry.
6. All exercise runs must have an area by the entrance which is paved or surfaced with other suitable material and adequately drained in order to prevent the undue fouling of the ground.
7. All animals 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.
8. Facilities must be provided for the collection of all used bedding and other waste material which must be disposed of in a manner approved by the Local Authority, and in a way not likely to cause harm or nuisance.
9. All animals must have access to wholesome drinking water at all times, except in the case of very young puppies.
10. Animals must be adequately supplied with suitable food and visited at suitable intervals.
11. 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.

12. All bulk supplies of food must be kept in vermin-free containers.
13. Every precaution must be taken to eliminate flies throughout the kennel.
14. All heating appliances must be of such construction as to constitute no risk of fire, and not to endanger the health and wellbeing 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 must be installed in accordance with normal good practice, and advice on the subject must be obtained from a fire prevention officer.
15. Animals and equipment must not be placed in such a position as to render entry or exit difficult in case of fire.
16. The licensee shall ensure that a responsible person shall at all times being 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 the case of premises which are locked up outside of normal working hours, the licensee shall appoint a responsible person residing within a reasonable distance of the premises to have custody of the key. The name and address of such person shall be displayed in legible characters on the front door, or windows, of the premises and be notified to the local fire brigade. An adequate and accessible supply of water and sand and/or an efficient fire extinguisher must always be available on the premises, outside the kennels and the positions clearly marked.
17. A register shall be kept of all bitches in the establishment, their ages, dates of heat periods, mating and whelping.
18. Washing and lavatory facilities must be available for staff.
19. Every precaution must be taken to prevent noise arising from the establishment which is likely to cause disturbance or nuisance to occupiers of adjoining land.
20. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent and control the spread among dogs of infectious or contagious diseases.
21. All appropriate steps must be taken to secure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transferred to or from the breeding establishment.
22. Breach of any of the above conditions may render the licensee liable to a fine of up to level 4 on the standard scale and/or disqualification from holding a licence.