In the UK, an estimated ¼ million animals are held in more than 400 zoological collections. Since 1984, these zoos have been regulated by the Zoo Licensing Act of 1981, which aims to promote minimum standards of welfare, meaningful education, effective conservation, valuable research and essential public safety.

The Act requires the inspection and licensing of all zoos in Great Britain. The Act aims to ensure that, where animals are kept in enclosures, they are provided with a suitable environment to provide an opportunity to express most normal behaviour.

A zoo is defined in the Act as being 'an establishment where wild animals are kept for exhibition ... to which members of the public have access, with or without charge for admission, on more than seven days in any period of twelve consecutive months'.

The licensing of zoos is a specialist field and the regulations are complex. If you are thinking of setting up a zoo, it is recommended that you contact a specialist officer first for advice and guidance on the details provided.

A list of licensed premises is available from the Vale of Glamorgan Council on request.
Our Service aim is to enhance and protect the health, safety, economic welfare and environment of residents, business and other stakeholders in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Our Service Objectives are:
To be customer focused, accessible and responsive to the needs of the community.
To improve the environment through monitoring and regulating air and water quality, noise and contaminated land.
To protect health and safety of the community by ensuring businesses meet legislative requirements, controlling infectious disease, encouraging responsible dog ownership, controlling pests and regulating animal health and welfare.
To maintain a fair and equitable trading environment

To achieve these objectives a combination of strategies are used to control, reduce and wherever possible eliminate risks including:
• Effective enforcement of legislation.
• Appropriate education and advice.
• Responding to customer requests for service.
• Using intelligence information to inform delivery priorities.
• Working with other Organisations.

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We are committed to offering the best and most cost-effective service possible.
The Licensing Section is continuously improving its service to ensure public safety.
If you have any comments, complaints or suggestions about the quality of the service we provide, please contact the Licensing Team Leader.