

HARINGEY COUNCIL PET SHOP LICENCE CONDITIONS

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

Condition 1

Animals shall at all times be kept in accommodation that is suitable in construction (non porous materials or appropriately treated), size (minimum cage sizes apply to young stock, for adults, double the dimensions), temperature, lighting, amenities and position inside the premises. All accommodation must be kept in good repair. Caged birds must be allowed to spread their wings fully in all directions irrespective of the numbers housed. Animals shall not be displayed for sale close to windows inside the premises.

Minimum cage sizes

	No of animals	1-4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Minimum cage height	Minimum cage depth
Mice, hamsters, gerbils	Sq. cm	450	525	600	675	750	825	900	25	25
Rats	Sq. cm	675	785	900	1010	1125	1235	1350	30	30
Guinea Pigs	Sq. cm	1350	1570	1800	2020	2250	2470	2700	30	30
Rabbits up to 2 kg, kittens, ferrets, chinchillas, chipmunks	Sq. cm	2250	2625	3000	3375	3750	4125	4500	40	30
Puppies up to the age of 12 weeks maximum	Sq. cm	1000 0	1250 0	1500 0	1750 0	2000 0	2250 0	2500 0	Double height at shoulder minimum 50	0.9m

Condition 2

Where animals are kept in cages, hutches, boxes or other receptacles which are placed on or above other cages, hutches, boxes or other receptacles, effective means should be provided for preventing water, food or other droppings falling on to or contaminating the animals food or other surroundings which are underneath. All livestock for sale must be readily accessible and easy to inspect, with cages sited so that the floor of the cage is readily visible.

Condition 3

Animals shall be adequately supplied with suitable food according to their age and nutritional requirements, and shall be visited at suitable intervals. Water must be continually available to all species All accommodation shall be cleaned daily or more often if necessary.

Condition 4

No mammal shall be sold un-weaned or, if weaned, at an age at which it should not have been weaned.

In the case of non-mammals, they must be capable of feeding themselves.

Condition 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.

Condition 6

Animals shall not be displayed or kept outside the licensed premises.

Condition 7

All excreta and soiled bedding shall be stored in suitable containers until removed from the premises in accordance with the terms of the "duty of care" provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Condition 8

All necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent the introduction to the premises, or harbourage, of rodents, insects and other pests.

Condition 9

All animal foods shall be stored in containers so that the quality of the food can be preserved. Containers and feeding equipment must be kept in a clean condition. Food and drink receptacles must be constructed and positioned to minimise faecal contamination.

Condition 10

Animals shall not be handed to customers in unsuitable containers.

Condition 11

The licensee shall ensure that a responsible person shall at all times be in, or within a reasonable distance of the premises for the purpose of giving warning or taking other 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 means of access to the premises. The name 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 and Civil Defence Authority, Police and Environmental Health department.

Condition 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.

Condition 13

Fire fighting equipment shall be provided and appropriately sited in the shop. The licensee shall ensure that the fire appliances remain accessible and regularly serviced.

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 infectious or contagious disease or which is infested with parasites shall be brought into or kept on the premises unless effectively isolated.

Condition 15

The licensee shall state on application for a Pet Shop Licence the type and maximum number of animals he or she wishes to keep on the premises. These numbers or the maximum numbers agreed in writing before issue of the Pet Shop licence, may not be exceeded without the written authorisation of the Licensing Authority.

Condition 16

The number of animals that may be kept on the premises must be conspicuously displayed on the premises.

Condition 17

Exhibition animals kept in the shop should be provided with proper accommodation and any animal "not for sale" should have a notice stating that fact.

Condition 18

A register of puppies, kittens, psittacines and species contained in the Schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (as modified) must be maintained by the proprietor of the pet shop, which must be produced on demand by the authorised inspector. The register shall include details of breed, age, sex, number in batch, date of arrival, name and address of supplier, date sold and name and address of purchaser. The register will be supplied by the Licensing Authority.

Condition 19

Pet shops shall not sell any animal scheduled in the Dangerous Wild Animals Act unless the purchaser has in their possession a licence issued by a Local Authority under the terms of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.

Details of the issuing Authority must be taken by the licensee.

Condition 20

From the 1st January 1994 a suitably experienced or qualified person must be in charge of a pet shop at all times. Persons under the age of 18 shall not be in charge of a pet shop. The licensee must formulate a written training policy for all staff and will be required to demonstrate that systematic training is carried out.

Condition 21

All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the outbreak and spread of disease. No animal which is suffering from, or could reasonably be suspected of having come into contact with any other animal suffering from, any infectious or contagious disease, or which is infested with parasites, shall be brought into or kept on the premises unless effectively isolated. Sufficient and suitable isolation facilities must be available at all times for each type of animal on the premises.

Condition 22

To prevent the risk of infection, puppies may only be purchased directly from the person that has bred the litter and who owns the mother. Puppies shall not be purchased from third party dealers. Puppies bred in different premises must be kept effectively isolated until sold or examined by the Pet Shops named veterinary surgeon. All documents relating to pedigree puppies must be available for inspection by Authorised Officers of the Local Authority.

Condition 23

Pet care leaflets or other similar written instructions regarding an animals husbandry and feeding must be made available to customers free of charge at the time of purchase, in addition to any other offer to purchase pet care books or leaflets. Purchasers must be given proper advice on the care of the animal and, where necessary, on the maintenance and use of any accessories. The licensee shall advise any person that has purchased an animal that later becomes sick or ill to seek advice from a veterinary surgeon.

Condition 24

No animal shall be sold to any person under the age of 16 years unless that person is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or provides appropriate written consent.

Condition 25

Only 4 litters of puppies per year may be purchased from any person or premises unless they hold a licence under the terms of the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999.

Condition 26

All puppies and kittens kept with a view to selling must have been examined by the Pet Shops named veterinary surgeon before sale. A record must be produced to the purchaser from the veterinary surgeon stating that the animals have been treated for fleas, worms and other parasites and that the animal is in good health.

Condition 27

Individual litters of puppies and kittens must be kept separate from other litters.

Condition 28

Each pet shop shall name a veterinary surgeon to whom all cases of sick or ill animals will be advised. A record of treatment given to animals on the premises shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times

Condition 29

Exercise facilities where appropriate must be provided for animals kept in the premises.

For puppies, where required, a covered exercise area of at least 2.46sq metres (26 sq ft) should be provided. Exercise areas should have a minimum height of 1.8 metres (6ft) to facilitate adequate access by staff for cleaning.

Condition 30

Any livestock received or consigned shall be transported according to the regulations laid down by the Transit Animals (General) Order 1973 or other relevant legislation or recommendations.

Condition 31

Access will be granted at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection and/or complaint investigation to an authorised officer of the licensing authority or a uniformed Inspector from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Condition 32

No person who has been convicted under the Protection of Animals Act 1911 shall be employed within a Pet Shop.