

BREEDING OF DOGS ACT 1973

DOMESTIC BREEDERS – CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. ACCOMMODATION

1.1 General Construction

1.1.1 Cages must be provided of a sufficient size for the dog to lie down, turn around, stand comfortably and allow the dog to defecate away from the sleeping area.

1.1.2 Impermeable floor coverings must be used to prevent fluids and discharges from fouling wooden floors.

1.2 Temperature

There must be some part of the sleeping area where the dog is able to enjoy a minimum temperature of 50°F (10°C) and a maximum temperature of 79°F (26°C).

1.2 Lighting

During daylight hours sufficient light must be provided to exercise and sleeping areas, so that all parts are clearly visible. Where practicable this should be natural light.

2. MANAGEMENT

2.1 Supervision

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

2.1.2 Dogs must be checked regularly throughout the day.

2.2. Food and water supplies

2.2.1 All dogs must be adequately supplied with the suitable food. Clean water must be available at all times of the day and changed daily.

2.2.2 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.

3 DISEASE CONTROL, VACCINATION AND WORMING

3.1 General

3.1.1 All dogs should be vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis (*Canine Adenovirus*), Leptospirosis (*Leptospira*

icterohaemorrhagiae) and Canine Parvovirus. It may be necessary to vaccinate against other diseases and veterinary advice should be sought.

- 3.1.2 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.

3.2 First aid kit for dogs

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

3.3 Isolation facilities

- 3.3.1 Facilities for isolation should be available when required.
- 3.3.2 Isolation facilities must be in compliance with other licence conditions but must be physically isolated from other dogs ideally at a distance of 5m.
- 3.3.3 Adequate facilities to prevent the spread of infectious disease between the isolation case and any other dogs must be provided.
- 3.3.4 Hands must be washed after leaving the isolation facilities before handling other dogs.

4. EMERGENCIES/FIRE PREVENTION

4.1 General

There should be an emergency evacuation plan procedure in place which is to be practised at least annually. This should be posted where the staff may become familiar with it. This procedure should include instructions dealing with where dogs are to be evacuated.

5. RECORD KEEPING

- 5.1.1 All records must be accurate and kept on the premises in the prescribed form. They must be made available to local authority inspectors or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner authorised by the local authority.
- 5.1.2 A record must be kept for each breeding bitch providing the name of the bitch, date of birth, address where she is kept, breed, description, date of mating and details of sire.
- 5.1.3 A record must be kept of any litters, including sex of the puppies, date of birth, weight, description and total number in the litter. The record must also show the details of the sale, namely the date of the sale, name and address of who was supplied and the status of the purchaser.