



ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

Conditions for Day Care

INTRODUCTION

- All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent illegal access to or escape of the animals.
- No dog registered under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 shall be accepted. Dog hybrids registered under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (e.g. Wolf Hybrids) shall not be accepted.
- Entire males and bitches in season must not be boarded together.
- Puppies under 6 months of age must not be boarded.

LICENCE DISPLAY

- A copy of the Local Authority Licence must be suitably displayed to the public in a prominent position in the boarding establishment together with a current certificate of Public and Employers' Liability Insurance.

CONSTRUCTION

- Unless otherwise stated these conditions shall apply to all buildings and areas to which dogs have access and/or which are used in association with the boarding of dogs.
- There shall be adequate space, light, heat and ventilation for the permitted number of dogs boarded in the day care centre facility at any one time.
- There must be provided, within the grounds of the day care facility, an area that has been securely fenced to prevent escape for the purposes of exercising the boarded dogs. This outdoor area must be exclusive to the licensee. This area shall be kept clean and faeces shall be removed at least twice daily.
- Wood must not be used in the exposed construction of walls, floors, partitions, door frames or doors in areas accessible to dogs. There must be no projections liable to cause injury
- Where galvanised weld mesh is used the wire diameter must not be less than 2.0mm (14 standard wire gauge) excluding any covering and the mesh size must not exceed 5.0cm (2").
- The interior surfaces of all walls of buildings must be of smooth impervious materials, capable of being easily cleaned.
- Where concrete or other building blocks or bricks are used, they must be so rendered and sealed as to be smooth and impervious and kept in good condition.
- Junctions between vertical and horizontal sections must be covered or be sealed with waterproof flexible grouting.
- Floors of all buildings, must be of smooth, impervious materials, capable of being easily cleansed and must incorporate a damp proof membrane.
- All windows which pose a security risk must be escape proof at all times. Such windows must be protected by weld mesh, or be made of reinforced glass, polycarbonate or other impact resistant material.

TRAINING

- All staff must be fully trained on emergency procedures and health and safety policies.

CLEANLINESS

- The accommodation and ancillary establishment, kitchen, corridors, runs, etc, must be maintained in a state of cleanliness conducive to maintenance of disease control and animal comfort. The floors of living compartments must be kept clean and dry.
- All animals must be provided with a bedding area or bench large and sufficient to allow the animal to lie comfortably. All bedding/benches used shall be maintained in a clean and dry state.

FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES

- Animals must be adequately supplied with suitable food as directed by the owner and must have an adequate supply of wholesome drinking water available at all times.

KITCHEN FACILITIES

- Feeding utensils must be satisfactorily cleaned or disposed of after each feed. Drinking utensils must be cleansed at least daily. Exclusive facilities (separate room or area) must be provided for preparing the animals' food and must be kept clean and vermin free at all times. Refrigeration facilities must be provided to store fresh meat and open tins. All bulk supplies of food must be kept in vermin proof containers.
- Washing facilities must be available for staff.

DISEASE CONTROL AND VACCINATION

- Current vaccination certificates must be presented for each animal on arrival and evidence (original certificates/photocopies /recorded details) retained for the duration of stay. Dogs must be vaccinated against; Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Canine Adenovirus,) Bordatella Kennel Cough Leptospirosis and Canine Parvovirus. Evidence of recent broad spectrum de-worming must also be provided for all dogs.
- The Licensee must be registered with a veterinary that can provide adequate and sufficient veterinary care during all hours that the day care centre is open. A veterinary surgeon must be called in case of any signs of disease, serious injury or illness.

ISOLATION AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK.

- A separate area must be available for isolation of any dog showing signs of infection.

REGISTER

- The owner of any dog to be boarded in the day care centre facility must give written consent for their dog to be boarded together with dogs from other households.
- A register must be kept containing a description of any animals received into the establishment, date of arrival and departure, and the name and address of the owners. Such a register is to be available for inspection at all times by an officer of Winchester City Council.

SUPERVISION

- A fit and proper person must always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies whenever animals are boarded at the premises.

EXERCISE

- All dogs must have adequate daily exercise.

FIRE / EMERGENCY PRECAUTIONS

- Appropriate steps must be taken for the protection of animals in case of fire or other emergencies.
- An evacuation procedure for all animals must be in place and the establishment shall undertake a Fire Risk Assessment. Appropriate fire detection and fighting equipment established by this risk assessment must be provided and serviced in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Arrangements must be made with an authorised waste management contractor to remove animal wastes from the establishment. Foul waste water must be disposed of by discharge to an approved sewerage system.