



**BREEDING OF DOGS ACTS 1973 AND 1991**  
**AND THE**  
**BREEDING AND SALE OF DOGS (WELFARE) ACT 1999**

**STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED BREEDING**  
**ESTABLISHMENT**

**DOMESTIC BREEDERS**

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## **PREFACE**

Unless otherwise stated, these conditions shall apply to all buildings and areas to which dogs have access and/or used in association with the breeding of dogs. Use of the term 'kennel' refers to combined sleeping and individual exercise areas unless otherwise specified.

### **1. Accommodation**

#### **1.1. General**

Dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects construction, size of quarters, numbers of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness.

#### **1.2 Temperature**

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

#### **1.3 Lighting**

During daylight hours, 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. General**

Dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised, and visited at suitable intervals.

#### **2.2 Supervision**

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

Dogs must be checked on regularly throughout the day.

#### **2.3 Food and Water Supplies**

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

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**

All reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among dogs of infectious or contagious diseases.

All dogs should be vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Canine Adenovirus), Leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola* and *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae*) and Canine Parvovirus. It may be necessary to vaccinate against other diseases and veterinary advice should be sought.

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**

Facilities for isolation should be available when required.

Isolation facilities must be in compliance with the other licence conditions but must be physically isolated from other dogs ideally at a distance of at least 5m (15 ft).

Adequate facilities to prevent the spread of infectious disease between the isolation case and any other dogs must be provided.

Hands must be washed after leaving the isolation facilities before handling other dogs.

### 4. **Emergencies/Fire prevention**

All appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency.

### 5. **Transport**

All appropriate steps will be taken to secure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment.

### 6. **Health and Welfare of the Breeding Bitch**

#### 6.1 **Mating**

That bitches are not mated if they are less than one year old.

#### 6.2. **Maximum Number of Litters**

That bitches do not give birth to more than six litters of puppies each.

### 6.3 **Twelve Months Between Litters**

That bitches do not give birth to puppies before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which they last gave birth to puppies.

### 6.4 **Record Keeping**

That accurate records in a form prescribed by regulations are kept at the premises and made available for inspection there by any offer of the local authority, or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, authorised by the local authority to inspect the premises.

The Breeding of Dogs, (Licensing Records) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No. 3192) prescribe the form of records to be kept by licensed breeding establishments. These records must be accurate and kept on the premises and made available to local authority inspectors or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner authorised by the local authority.

A record must be kept by every licensed dog breeder 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. Licensed dog breeders must also keep a record of any litters, including the sex of the puppies, date of birth, weight, description and total number in the litter. The record must also show the details of sale, namely the date of sale, name and address of who was supplied and the status of the purchaser (i.e. private owner or pet shop).