

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Zoo licence template

This template has been produced to help local authorities prepare zoo licences.

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[Local Authority Header]

ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981

LICENCE TO OPERATE A ZOO

Part 1

[Name of Licensing authority] being a local authority responsible for licensing zoos under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 ('the Act')

HEREBY LICENSE

Name of licence applicant:

Office held:

To operate the premises known as:

[Name and address of zoo] ('the Zoo')

Situated within (or the major part of which is within) the area of the said authority, subject to the conditions attached to this licence.

This licence is issued in accordance with the Act for a period of [four/six] years (delete as applicable) and shall remain in force from [start date] until [date of expiry].

Issue date:

Signed:

Name in capitals:

Office held:

On behalf of [name and address of council]

[Local authority footer]

Part 2

Licence conditions (required by section 1A of the Act):

The operator of the Zoo must ensure that the following measures are implemented in the Zoo:

- promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the Zoo and their natural habitats.
- accommodating and keeping the animals in a manner which meets the standards set out in the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice.
- preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals.
- preventing the intrusion of pests and vermin into the premises of the Zoo.
- keeping up-to-date records of the Zoo's collection of animals, including records of the numbers of different animals; acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals; the causes of any such deaths; and the health of the animals.

participating in at least one of the following:

- research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
- training in relevant conservation skills;
- the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;
- where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity;
- where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals.

Part 3

Other conditions

Additional conditions to ensure the proper conduct of the Zoo in all other respects, during the period of the licence. [In particular, conditions recommended in inspection reports prepared following an inspection of the Zoo should be included wherever appropriate.]

[In addition, where appropriate, conditions could include:]

Insurance

1. Within one month of the date of the licence and one month of the date of renewal of the policy, where applicable, a copy of the Zoo's current public liability insurance policy, and of subsequent renewals thereof, to be sent to the licensing authority.

Hazardous Animals

2. The licensing authority to be notified in writing, at least one month in advance, of the proposed addition of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice), which is from a taxonomic family of which Category 1 species have not previously been kept in the Zoo.

Temporary Removal of Animals from the Zoo

3. The licensee/s to notify the licensing authority before the temporary removal from the Zoo (other than for veterinary attention or inter-zoo movements) of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation of Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice. Such notification should be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 hours before the removal, unless the Zoo operator and licensing authority mutually agree a shorter period. The notification should include details of the destination, the method of transportation of the animal, the arrangements for its well-being and the arrangements for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the Zoo.

Escapes

4. In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the Zoo, notification shall be made to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.

Stock Records

5. An annual stocklist of all animals must be kept and a copy must be forwarded to the local authority no later than 1 April of the year following that to which it relates. The stocklist should be in a multi-column format similar, for example, to Section 9.5 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice, or to those that are produced by ZIMS or ARKS.



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