




Licensing – Animal Establishments




Model Conditions for
Pet Vending Licensing 2013

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CIEH Model Licence Conditions
and Guidance for Dog Breeding
Establishments

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Purpose: The remit of the group extends to companion animals including stray dogs, dangerous dogs, animal welfare act and related licensing functions of local authorities

Input into consultation responses (as a group and on behalf of LGA)

- Provide advice / guidance on interpretational queries on existing legislation
- Assist with the preparation of guidance / leaflets etc.
- Identify and discuss future priorities and issues with DEFRA / various stakeholders
- Attend group meetings (approx. 4 per year)



Current Licensing Regime - Issues

- Legislation unfit for purpose / doesn't reflect modern business models
- Can be seen as a low priority in terms of licensing function
- Lack of clear, concise guidance and best practice
- Lack of suitably competent and experienced staff (training?)
- Lack of resources and facilities / other work pressures and restructuring
- Poor powers to deal with under par / non compliant premises

New Licensing Regime - Positives

- Risk based approach
- Encourage and promote higher standards - consumer choice
- New regulations fit for purpose.
- Allows resources to be targeted - lighter touch for compliant businesses
- Clear statutory guidance, covering standards, officer training, inspection and application forms and licence fees.
- Overall aim - consistency

Risk Rating - Overarching Model

- In order to calculate the star rating and the associated length of the licence, we need to address
 - a) Does the business meet the minimum standards?
 - b) Does the business meet the higher standards?
 - c) Is the business low or higher risk?

Risk Rating - Overarching Model

- Higher Welfare Standards?
 - For each activity, a number of higher standards have been agreed
 - The higher standards are classified into two types – compulsory and optional
 - The business needs to achieve all of the compulsory higher standards as well as a set number of the optional

Risk Rating - Overarching Model

- Low or Higher Risk?
 - **Compliance History:** inspections, follow up action, complaints to the LA
complaints to the business
 - **Appreciation of welfare standards:** attention to detail, enrichment
 - **Appreciation of hazards / risks:** maintenance, knowledge and experience,
dealing with issues
 - **Welfare management procedures:** procedures, supervision of staff,
training, record keeping

Risk Rating – Matrix

Risk Scoring Model		Welfare Standards		
		Minor Failings (existing business that is failing to meet minimum standards)	Minimum Standards (as laid down in the schedules and guidance)	Higher Standards (as laid down in the guidance)
Risk	Low Risk	1 Star 1yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 12 month period	3 Star 2yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 24 month period	5 Star 3yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 36 month period
	Higher Risk	1 Star 1yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 12 month period	2 Star 1yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 12 month period	4 Star 2yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 24 month period



Guidance – Promote Consistency

- Specific guidance for each licence activity.
- Procedural Guidance
- Fee Guidance – based on full cost recovery principal
- Standardised application forms
- Standardised inspection forms
- Inspector / Vet / Industry training



Moving Forward

- Data collection / trend identification
- A national risk framework led, owned and audited by DEFRA - Regulations subject to 5 year review – general implementation
- Regional approach – utilising existing / new regional forums to share best practice, expertise and promote consistency – include LA Inspectors & Vets
- Extend licensing regime to other types of animal activity



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