



**SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR ANIMAL BOARDING
ESTABLISHMENTS
PROVIDING A HOME BOARDING SERVICE**

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

These conditions are supplementary to the existing Licence Conditions and should be read in conjunction with them.

1. No more than 4 small dogs or 3 medium/large dogs must be boarded at any one time. The dogs should be from the same household, unless with the written agreement of all the owners involved.
2. The Licensee(s) may keep up to 2 dogs at the home boarding establishment other than those detailed in (1) above. Prospective users of the Home Boarding Service must be informed, when making initial enquiries, that the Licensee(s) has a dog(s). Where the Licensee(s) has a dog(s) a trial period of familiarisation should be arranged for dogs not previously boarded at the licensed premises.
3. All boarding dogs must wear identity tags with the name and details of the home boarding establishment.
4. Boarding dogs should be exercised in accordance with the owners' wishes. If boarding dogs are taken off the premises, they must be kept on leads unless with the written authority of the owner.
5. The Licensee(s) must have suitable arrangements in place for the temporary boarding of the dogs in the event of fire or other emergency that renders the licensed premises uninhabitable.
6. All gardens and yards should be securely fenced with suitable gates. Doors leading from the home boarding establishment to unfenced areas must be fitted with a suitable internal gate/door. In the event of a dog escaping the Licensee(s) must notify the Licensing Authority immediately.
7. Suitable smoke alarms must be installed at the home boarding establishment.

8. The Licensee(s) shall ensure all proper precautions are taken to prevent disease and parasite infection gaining access to the premises such that residual infection could persist and infect the next group of boarders.
9. Dogs boarded together from different homes must be vaccinated against Bordatella kennel cough in addition to the diseases detailed in 7(a) of the Licence Conditions for Animal Boarding Establishments.
10. All dogs boarded must have previously been wormed with an effective veterinary recommended anthelmintic. The date that the medication was given and the drug used must be recorded on the admission form.
11. All dogs boarded must have previously been treated for fleas and external parasites with an effective and veterinary approved parasiticide and the date and product used must be recorded on the admission form.
12. The Licensee(s) own dog(s) must be regularly vaccinated and wormed.
13. The licensed premises must be regularly treated with an effective veterinary recommended flea environment control.
14. Arrangements must be in place, prior to admission, for the proper isolation of any animal which develops an infectious or contagious disease during its stay. Note - the arrangements may be made with the owner's veterinary surgeon or subject to the prior notification and approval of the Council, with other local kennels. The admission form must specify the owner's wishes in this respect.
15. The Licensee(s) must retain a copy of the admission form to serve as a record for each boarder.
16. If a dog develops an infectious disease during its stay, then the premises must undergo a reasonable quarantine period before new boarders are admitted. This period will be specified by the Council as agreed with their authorised veterinary surgeon.
17. The Licensee(s) must inform the Council if a dog develops an infectious disease.
18. Separate dishes and bedding shall be provided for all dogs boarded.
19. All dogs boarded must be kept on a lead when walked unless the owner has expressly given their written consent to exercise off the lead. (Note - A question could be included on the admission form).

20. If a collection and return service is to be provided, then a suitable vehicle with a dog guard in the rear should be provided.
21. The Licensee(s) must be registered with a veterinary practice that can provide an emergency service.

The following is for advice only. It does **not** form part of the Licence Conditions for Animal Boarding Establishments nor the Schedule of Additional Conditions for Animal Boarding Establishments Providing a Home Boarding Service:-

- The health and safety of anyone living in the house should be considered, particularly children. Even dogs that are used to children can be unpredictable in unfamiliar surroundings. It is recommended that home boarding does not take place when children under 5 years old are living at the premises.
- It is recommended that third party public liability insurance is taken out to cover the situation where a dog injures a person or livestock, or causes an accident.
- The Licensee(s) should clean up after the dogs if they foul public places.
- Consideration should be given as to whether the business could give rise to a noise nuisance to neighbours, particularly if dogs are exercised in gardens or yards.
- Planning permission may be required if the business leads to a substantial change in the use of the premises or if it has an effect on neighbouring properties.
- The provision of a large collapsible cage kennel should be considered. This may be used as an isolation kennel or for containing a destructive dog temporarily.

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