

Standard Conditions relating to Dangerous Wild Animals

Licence Conditions

Dangerous Wild Animals Act, 1976

General Conditions

1. The Police and the Fire Officers must be notified of the premises.
2. While the animals are being kept under the Authority of the Licence: -
 - (i) The animals shall be kept by no person other than the person specified above.
 - (ii) The animals shall normally be held at such premises as specified above.
 - (iii) The animals shall not be moved from those premises – except in accordance with Conditions 7,8,9 and 10.
 - (iv) The person to whom the Licence is granted shall hold a current insurance which insures him and any other person entitled to keep the animals under the authority of the Licence against liability for any damage which may be caused by the animal, the terms of such policy being satisfactory in the opinion of this Authority.
3. The person to whom the Licence is granted shall at all reasonable times make available a copy of the Licence to any person entitled to keep any animal under the authority of the Licence.
4. Any animal which is kept under the authority of this Licence shall be: -
 - (a) held in accommodation which ensures that the animals cannot escape, which is suitable as regards construction, size lighting, ventilation, drainage, cleanliness and which is suitable for the number of animals proposed to be held in the accommodation and
 - (b) be supplied with adequate and suitable food, drink and bedding material by a competent person.

In particular the following will apply: -

- (i) all gates into the enclosure must be padlocked and the key held by a responsible person.
 - (ii) Suitable stock fencing must be provided and electric wiring incorporated.
 - (iii) All perimeter fencing must be inspected daily and a logbook kept of inspections and any defects discovered.
5. All reasonable precaution will be taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.
6. The person to whom the Licence is granted shall ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken: -
 - (a) to protect the safety of the public and
 - (b) to ensure that no nuisance is caused to the public

In particular,

- (i) suitable warning notices must be on the Main Gate and on all sides of the compound indicating that the animals are **dangerous**, that the fence is electrified and his contact telephone number.
7. The Licensee shall ensure that the Local Authority for the area to which the animals are to be moved are notified at least 24 hours before movement of the animals. The notification shall contain the following information: -
 - (a) the destination
 - (b) the duration of the stay
 - (c) the transport and vehicle registration number and
 - (d) the number of animals concerned.
8. The Licensee shall ensure that the Environmental Health Manager is notified of any movement of animals following the requirements of Condition 7 having been fulfilled. The notification shall contain: -
 - (i) those items required in Condition 7 (a-d) and
 - (ii) the name of the Local Authority notified by the requirements of Condition 7.
9. Vehicles and cages must be suitable for the number of animals carried and all reasonable steps taken to avoid suffering whilst in transit.
10. Whilst in transit and at all other times when necessary the animal(s) shall be in the charge of a suitably experienced person aged over 18 years.
11. The Licence holder and his agent(s) shall comply with any reasonable instructions in respect of any animals, given by an authorised officer of the Council.
12. The Licensee should ensure he notifies this Council, the Police and Fire Officers immediately he discovers that an animal under his care, covered by the Licence, has escaped captivity.
13. A Council approved written procedure of action to be taken in the event of an escape, must be submitted to the Council, the Police and to the person in charge of the animals at any particular time. This procedure must detail telephone contact numbers and who will be responsible for shooting the animals.
14. The Licence holder will be responsible for the Council's appointed Veterinary Officer's fees.