

### BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

#### The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

#### INSPECTION DETAILS

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INSPECTOR NAME	Dave Verity & Ryan Ratcliffe
DATE OF INSPECTION	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	Andrew Mellor

No. of dogs Licenced	8	No. of dogs present	8
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RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	N/A		
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW RISK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIGH RISK	

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> LICENCE REFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> MINOR FAILINGS
	<input type="checkbox"/> STANDARDS MET	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 YEARS	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
<b>Low Risk</b> Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	<b>1 Star</b> 1 year licence	<b>3 Stars</b> 2 year licence	<b>5 Stars</b> 3 year licence
<b>High Risk</b> Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	<b>1 Star</b> 1 year licence	<b>2 Stars</b> 1 year licence	<b>4 Stars</b> 2 year licence

## APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

### General Conditions (Schedule 2)

#### Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	N/A
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Yes
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	N/A
<b>Comments</b>		
New applicant so licence and record retention not applicable.		

#### Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	N/A
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		
Residential property that does not employ staff, licence holder will be on site full-time with licence holders partner also living at the property and involved in breeding of dogs.		

#### Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	No
<b>Comments</b>		
No written training policy in place, however with no 'staff' this is not a requirement. Would expect to see records of licence holders knowledge development on subsequent inspections.		

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

<b>Comments</b>
Behaviourist has been consulted but not documented.

### Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Yes
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Yes
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Yes
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Yes
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Yes
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Yes
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Yes
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Yes
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No

### Comments

5(1) Yes to indoors, but the outdoor kennels where the owner is planning to move the dogs are not yet completed and present some potential issues:

- Metal lip to front of kennel present a risk of a dog catching its nail(s).
- Heating & lighting (all available but not wired up yet).
- Vet identified concerns the heaters would be on timers but no thermostat, so animals potentially could get too hot.
- Kennels are second hand and in reasonable condition but some rusted areas which could potentially cause issues.
- Potential drainage problem under the kennel run structure, the structure would be better raised slightly to allow drainage to be freer flowing.
- Vets main concern was proximity to property boundary and potential theft/poisoning etc. of adult dogs, thought as to how secure dogs safely but maintain airflow should be considered.

5(2) Slight concern with current indoor set up with bare wood floor in adult dog area difficult to clean adequately, but being addressed.

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	No
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Yes

### Comments

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HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	No
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

#### Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Yes
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Yes
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Yes
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Yes
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Yes
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	No
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

#### Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Yes
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7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Yes
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian <sup>2</sup> ?	Yes
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

### Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Yes
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Yes
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

### Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	No
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Yes
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	No
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Not Seen

<sup>2</sup> In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Yes
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Yes
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Yes
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Yes
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Yes
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Yes
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Yes
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Yes
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet?	Yes
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Yes
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	No

#### Comments

9(1) Not adequately documented, further information required in relation to transportation, disease control (specifically isolation area).  
 No documented procedure in place for death (including storage of carcasses) and escape.  
 9(7) No routine worming/flea treatments documented although owner says they have been done.  
 9(14) Not documented, advice given on inspection.

#### Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Yes
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Yes
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

#### Comments

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HS(O)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes
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## General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

### Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	N/A
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	N/A
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	N/A
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Yes
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Yes
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Yes
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		
Advice given on inspection as to the requirements of the sale of dogs, happy with response.		

### Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Yes
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Yes
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Yes
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Yes
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Yes
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Yes
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Yes
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	No
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Yes

2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Yes
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Yes
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Yes
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		
2(8) Not enough separate beds provided to cover all adult dogs.		

#### Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

#### Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	No
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Yes
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Yes
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Yes
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		
4(1) Documented programme needs to be written and implemented.		

#### Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Yes
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5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Yes
5(3)	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Yes
5(4)	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		
5(3) Not Documented. 5(4) Yes in the new outdoor kennels.		

### Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Yes
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Yes
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Yes
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Yes
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	N/A
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Yes
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Yes
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Yes
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and	Yes

	(k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Yes
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Yes
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	No
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	No
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	N/A
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>6(7) Documentation was available on inspection but was slightly lacking in detail.  6(8) Will be for current litter.  6(9) Lacking in some detail with regards to veterinary treatment.  6(10) Yes, however this was not all in one place and better organisation is required  6(11) Current bitch with pups will be rehomed as has been spayed at time of caesarean, this needs to be documented.  6(12) No formal plan in place.  6(13) No, need to document, only vaccinations recorded.</p>		

1 HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type, and must carefully evaluate any test results as well as follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme, prior to breeding. No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it would be inadvisable in the sense that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring and/or it is inadvisable in the context of a relevant breeding strategy.	No
2 HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the appropriate organisation.	No
3 HS(R)	The puppy must be checked by a veterinarian before sale with proof of such held and available to the puppy buyer.	Yes
4 HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith.	Yes
HS(O)	No bitch will be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum five generation pedigree.	Yes
<b>Comments</b>		

1 HS(R) No documentation provided to support this.  
 2 HS(R) No documentation provided to support this.  
 4 HS(R) Copy of puppy contract forwarded to the local authority (acceptable).

**Inspecting Officer Signature**

	<b>Date</b>	
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**APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE**

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
<b>Compliance History Inspections</b>	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to	

	management.	address.	
<b>Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)</b>	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	
<b>Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)</b>	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	
<b>Compliance History Complaints to LA</b>	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	
<b>Compliance History Complaints to business</b>	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	
<b>Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment</b>	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	
<b>Appreciation of hazards Risks</b>	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	
<b>Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance</b>	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	
<b>Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience</b>	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened	

	There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	
<b>Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues</b>	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	
<b>Welfare management procedures Written procedures</b>	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	
<b>Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff</b>	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	
<b>Welfare management procedures Record keeping</b>	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	
<b>Welfare management procedures Training</b>	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	
<b>Total Score</b> Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			

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Inspecting Officer Signature



Date

12/04/19

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	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
<b>Compliance History Inspections</b>	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	
<b>Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)</b>	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low	