

## **Dog Breeders Model Licence conditions- Domestic Breeders**

### **Accommodation**

#### **1. General**

- a. Dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness.
- b. There must be some part of the dog's sleeping area where the dog is able to enjoy a temperature of at least 10°C (50°F) and a maximum temperature of 26°C (79°F)
- c. During daylight hours light must be provided to exercise and sleeping areas so that all parts are clearly visible. Where practicable this must be natural light.

#### **2. Management**

- a. Dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised and visited at suitable intervals.
- b. A fit and proper person must always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies.
- c. Dogs must be checked on regularly throughout the day.
- d. All dogs must be adequately supplied with suitable food. Clean water must be available at all times and changed daily.
- e. Eating and drinking vessels must be capable of being easily cleansed and disinfected to prevent cross-contamination. They must be maintained in a clean condition and cleaned or disposed of after each meal.

#### **3. Disease Control, vaccination and worming**

- a. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious and contagious disease and parasites amongst the dogs.
- b. All dogs must be vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Canine adenovirus), Leptospirosis (*L. canicola* and *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*) and Canine Parvovirus and other relevant diseases.
- c. Advice from the veterinary surgeon must be sought where a dog shows signs of disease, injury or illness. A competent person must ensure this advice is followed.
- d. A fully maintained first-aid kit suitable for use on dogs and puppies should be available and accessible on the premises.
- e. Facilities for isolation should be available when required.

- f. Isolation facilities must be in compliance with other licence conditions but must be physically isolated from other dogs, ideally at a distance of at least 5m (15ft).
- g. Adequate facilities to prevent the spread of infectious disease between the isolation case and other dogs must be provided.
- h. Hands must be washed after leaving the isolation facilities before handling other dogs.

#### **4. Emergencies/Fire Prevention**

- a. All appropriate steps must be taken to protect the dogs in case of fire or other emergencies.

#### **5. Transport**

- a. All appropriate steps must be taken to ensure that the dogs are provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and are adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment.

#### **6. Health and welfare of the breeding bitch**

- a. Bitches must not be mated if they are less than one year old.
- b. Bitches must not give birth to more than six litters of puppies each.
- c. Bitches must not give birth to puppies before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which they last gave birth to puppies.
- d. Accurate records in a form prescribed by regulations must be kept at the premises and made available for inspection there by any officer of the local authority, or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, authorized by the local authority to inspect the premises.

Accurate records must include the following information:-

- The details and numbers of all the dogs kept on the premises
- Oestrus dates of breeding bitches
- Microchip and tattoo numbers or other suitable form of identification. If dogs are KC registered these numbers should be recorded.
- Where dogs are under a breeding arrangement, the details of such dogs, together with their whereabouts.
- Vaccination and worming records and details of any veterinary treatment given.
- Cleaning and disinfection regimes;
- Feeding and exercise regimes;
- Details of any isolation cases and the management system in place
- Details of vehicles used for the transportation of dogs as well as the time and length of journeys. Records should also show which dogs are transported and their destination.

- Records of litters born with the sex of the puppies, date of birth, weight, description and total number in the litter.
- Details of the sale must also be kept, with the date of sale, the name and address of who was supplied and the status of the purchaser e.g. private owner or pet shop.