

Home Boarding (Guidance on conditions)

Number of Dogs Permitted:

The maximum number of dogs to be boarded at any one time will relate to the breed of dog and the size of the premises. Any resident dogs will also be taken into account.

All dogs should be from only one household unless written agreement has been obtained from all owners giving approval of mixed boarding.

This should be included on the booking form.

Licence Display:

The licence should be available for clients and authorised inspectors to see at all times.

Insurance:

A minimum of Third party liability insurance cover in respect of (at least) boarded dogs must be held. It is advisable to have cover for all dogs at the premises. The amount of cover should be at least £2,000,000.

Accommodation:

The boarded dogs should be kept in the home, as if they are the licensee's own pets.

There must be sufficient space available to be able to separate dogs. This may be necessary for disease control or for behavioural reasons.

Bedding:

Clients may wish to provide the dogs own bed. You must ensure that this is clean, dry, and free of parasites.

Food and Drink:

All dried food should be stored in rodent proof containers away from human food. Fresh food should be kept refrigerated. Any un-used food in tins should be decanted into non-metal, lidded containers and stored in a refrigerator.

Cleanliness & Waste:

The premises should be treated regularly for ectoparasites (fleas etc) using products which are intended for this purpose. Records giving details of treatments should be kept, perhaps in a diary. This should be available for inspection by authorised inspectors.

Dog faeces should not be allowed to accumulate at the premises. All waste should be disposed of in a hygienic manner. Any clinical waste should be segregated, following the advice of the prescribing vet for its disposal. The final route for all waste should comply with current waste regulations.

Disease Control:

A first aid kit suitable for dogs must be available. This should include, as a minimum;

- Antiseptic solution eg; chlorohexidine.
- Sterile water – for bathing eyes and wounds.
- Cotton wool.
- Lint.
- Bandaging material ; including;- non-adhesive wound dressing eg; 'melolin'; Elastic bandage; Adhesive bandage eg; 'vetwrap'.

- Scissors and tweezers. L
- Latex gloves for handlers.
- Further items as advised by your vet.

All dogs (resident and boarded) should be regularly treated to control parasites including fleas, ticks and intestinal worms. You should keep a record of the treatment of resident dogs (perhaps in a diary) and ensure boarded dogs are treated before or on arrival. These details should be recorded too, perhaps on the booking form.

There should be sufficient space/rooms to separate dogs for isolation purposes should the need arise.

All dogs (resident and boarded) must have current vaccinations against (at least) the following:-

- Canine Distemper;
- Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Canine adenovirus);
- Canine Parvovirus;
- Leptospirosis (L. canicola and L. icterohaemorrhagiae);

and other relevant diseases as advised by your vet.

The vaccination certificates should be kept at the premises while the dog is boarded or resident there.

Exercise, Security & Facilities:

All areas to which dogs have access must be kept safe and secure, with no dangerous sharp objects or protrusions. Fencing and walls must be adequate for the breed(s) boarded so as to provide sufficient security to prevent escape. Gates must be able to be locked.

Where the licensee uses a vehicle to collect and return boarded dogs, the dog(s) must be carried behind a dog guard, fitted as per the manufacturer's instructions, or in a suitable sized dog cage.

Maintenance:

Any repair or maintenance of the licensed premises must be carried out promptly.

Identification, Register and Records:

All dogs must wear a collar and identity tag, as required by law, at all times. A temporary tag giving the licensee's telephone number should be attached to the collar of all boarders. The licensee must inform the council Dog Warden and the owner's emergency contact person if a dog is lost.

A register must be kept of all dogs boarded and must be available for inspection by authorised officers at all times. The information should be kept for at least 6 months from the date of departure. The register may be kept in hand written or computer form.

Supervision:

Dogs should not be left unattended on a regular basis, and in any case not for longer than 4 hours. The licensee shall ensure that in their temporary absence, any person taking their place is competent and over the age of 16 years. Dogs from different homes must be separated in the absence of the home carer.

Fire Precautions:

A domestic type fire extinguisher is adequate and should be positioned so it is readily available. It should be maintained or replaced according to the manufacturers instructions. A working smoke detector must be provided.

Additional Licence Conditions:

As required