



Licensing of Animal Activities



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The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals)









(England) Regulations 2018

The licensing of animal related activities has changed. The Government has brought legislation in line with the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and has brought the licensing of animals into the 21st Century.

The new regulations came into force on **1 October 2018**. These regulations supersede a number of the older animal licensing acts, meaning all existing licence holders (except for DWA and Zoo Licence holders) will need to apply for their renewed licence under this new regulation.

Animal boarding businesses (Inc home boarders and day care), dog breeders, pet shops, riding establishments and the keeping of or training of animals for exhibition are now covered under a single type of licence. It is known as an 'animal activity licence', with new nationally-set licence conditions for businesses providing any of these animal-related services.

Revised guidance on the new licence conditions for each of the animal activities can be found on the following links:

- a.  [Guidance notes for breeding dogs 2018](#)
- b.  [Guidance notes for Boarding Dogs in Kennels 2018](#)
- c.  [Guidance notes for home boarding dogs](#)
- d.  [Guidance notes for dog day care 2018](#)
- e.  [Guidance notes for boarding cats 2018](#)
- f.  [Guidance notes for selling animals as pets 2018](#)
- g.  [Guidance notes for exhibition of animals 2018](#)
- h.  [Guidance notes for hiring out horses 2018](#)
- i. Guidance notes for dog boarding franchises 2018

*Please note: These conditions **cannot** be changed as they are set in the new regulations.*

Any business who wishes to run an 'Animal Activity' must be compliant with the new conditions. Anyone who is unsure as to whether they fall into one of these licensable activities please contact Environmental Health – environmental.health@hertsmere.gov.uk.

Fees:

The fee structure for Animal Activities comes in 2 parts. An Application fee which is submitted at the time of application and a Grant of a licence fee which you will be advised of after your inspection as the fee is dependant on the star rating and length of licence.


You can see the  [fee structure](#).

Application:

Applications are formed of three sections. A common first section for the applicant details, a choice of second sections specific to the particular activity and a common final declaration section.

In every case, three sections must be completed and submitted, along with the appropriate fee and necessary supporting documentation to the address below. If you are applying for multiple activities, it may be necessary to complete more than one second section.

 [Section 1 Standard Introductory Section](#)

 [Section 2 Animal Boarding Application](#)

 [Section 2 Breeding and Sale of Dogs Application](#)

 [Section 2 Hiring out Horses Application](#)

 [Section 2 Performing Animals Application](#)

 [Section 2 Pet Vending Application](#)

 [Section 3 Standard Declaration Section](#)

NB for Home dog boarder applications where a risk assessment is required we provide an example for reference:

 [Risk Assessment Template](#)

Completed application forms must be sent to:

Environmental Health

Hertsmere Borough Council

Civic Offices

Elstree Way

Borehamwood

WD6 1WA

 environmental.health@hertsmere.gov.uk

Find further information on the new  [Star Rating Scheme and a list of our current licence holders](#)

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