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We work in close partnership with the  [Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#) (DEFRA) on all aspects of zoo licensing.

The licensing of zoos is a specialist field and the regulations are complex. If you are thinking of setting up a zoo, it is recommended you contact a specialist officer for advice and guidance.

We cannot consider an application unless at least two months notice has been given, plus details must be published in a local and national newspaper, and a notice placed at the site. The current fee for a zoo licence is £4,300, plus veterinary fees.

We must consult the police, fire authority, a governing body of any national institute concerned with zoos, and adjoining authorities if the zoo overlaps another authority, as well as anyone wishing to object.

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