

Zoo Licence Conditions for Torbay Council

Zoo Licensing Act 1981 and Zoo Licensing Act 2002

CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH THIS LICENCE IS GRANTED

General Conditions

1. **Display of Zoo licence** - The current Zoo Licensing Act licence or a copy of it, including a copy of these conditions must be displayed at the public entrance of the zoo.
2. **Hazardous Animals** - The Licensing Authority to be notified in writing at least one month in advance of the proposed addition of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo practice), which is from a taxonomic order not previously kept in the Zoo.
3. **Temporary Removal of Animals from the Zoo** - The Licensee/s to notify the Licensing Authority before the temporary removal from the Zoo (other than for veterinary attention or inter-zoo movements) of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of modern Zoo practice). Such notification to be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 hours before the removal, unless the Zoo Operator and Licensing Authority mutually agree a shorter period. When giving notification, details of the destination and method of transportation of the animal and of the arrangements for its well-being, as well as for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the Zoo, to be provided.
4. **Escapes** - In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the zoo, notification shall be made to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.
5. **Stock Records** - An annual stock list of all animals must be kept, which must include the information and in the format indicated in Section 9 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice, and be forwarded to the Licensing Authority by 1 April of the year following that to which it relates. Such records must be securely stored for at least 6 years.

Mandatory Conditions Required By Section 1A of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended)

1. The Zoo must participate in at least one of the following:-
 - a) research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
 - b) training in relevant conservation skills;
 - c) the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;
 - d) where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity;
 - e) where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals;
2. The Zoo must promote public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the zoo and their natural habitats;

3. The Zoo must accommodate and keep the animals in a manner which meets all the specific Standards set out in the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice, including: providing each animal with an environment well-adapted to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the species to which it belongs, providing a high standard of animal husbandry with a developed programme of preventative and curative veterinary care (including post mortem arrangements), and appropriate nutrition.
4. The Zoo must prevent the escape of animals and put in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals.
5. The Zoo must prevent the intrusion of pests and vermin into the zoo premises.
6. The Zoo must at all times keep up-to-date records of the zoo's collection, as specified in Section 9 of The Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice, including records of the numbers of different animals, acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals; the causes of any such deaths; and the health of the animals.

Additional Conditions.

(To include conditions and directions recommended by inspecting officers and inspecting Veterinary Surgeons, including those appointed by DEFRA)

DIRECTIONS

None.

CONDITIONS

1. The zoo must ensure a minimum of four animal escape drills are carried out annually, with at least two of these involving category one hazardous animals as per 8.38 of the SSSMZP. These must be recorded and regularly reviewed with any failings noted addressed in the written escape policy. Actual escapes are no longer considered as part of the escape drill tally. (Commence immediately).

Recommendations.

(To include recommendations advised by inspecting officers and inspecting Veterinary Surgeons, including those appointed by DEFRA)

1. There are excellent plans to change the indoor barriers in the giraffe area to better facilitate the management of the herd. This is commended and should be completed as soon as practicable and certainly before the winter weather sets in.
2. It is recommended that a review be made of giving more species 24 hours access to indoor/outdoor areas, especially primates, at all times other than in exceptional weather conditions.

3. Timor zebra finches, and other species, in the desert house, and other enclosures where necessary, must be more closely monitored i.e. additional monthly counts, to determine when losses are occurring and ensure appropriate veterinary investigation of illness (SSSMZP 3.1 and Animal Welfare Act 2006 4) or cause of loss (SSSMZP 3.9g, 3.12).
 4. The improvements to the perimeter fencing have commenced. This is a continuing process and care should be taken to ensure that vegetation does not obscure this fencing so that checks can easily be carried out. (SSSMZP s.8.29)
 5. The issue of vegetation around the fencing also applies to animal enclosures e.g. that at the base of the ion fencing made it more difficult to inspect the fence. Care should be taken to ensure that vegetation does not obscure any fencing. There were several gutters in need of cleaning out and more care needs to be taken in regularly checking these.
 6. The list of research projects would be easier to read if a date and the degree of involvement of the Paignton zoo in the project were added.
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