

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES – D. MICHAEL

3rd March 2015

SECTION A - MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: MARGAM

1.0 LICENCE TO KEEP AN ANIMAL BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT (GLASFRYN KENNELS)

An application for the grant of an animal breeding establishment licence has been received as follows:

Premises	Applicant	Details
Glasfryn Kennels Water Street Margam SA13 2PB	Mr Richard Gardiner	Animal Breeding Establishment

1.1 Background

Anyone breeding and selling dogs as a business must be licensed by the Council under the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973.

This premises currently has a dog breeding licence that allows the use of 6 kennels to accommodate 17 dogs. The applicant has now built a separate kennel block which he would like to licence. The new block is constructed in the same way as the existing kennels.

1.2 Officer Report

The premises was inspected by the veterinary surgeon on the 19th January 2015, a copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1.

The Veterinary Surgeon has confirmed that the new kennel block consists of three kennels which are large enough to accommodate 10 dogs. The two smaller kennels would house three dogs and the larger kennel four dogs. The vet concluded that this is a very well-constructed development and can see no reason not to grant a non-

domestic breeding licence provided the record keeping has been seen and deemed satisfactory.

A licensing officer has assessed the necessary records following this year's annual inspection and these records will be continually monitored following each renewal application. The applicant did not have any litters last year so some records were unavailable for inspection.

1.3 Recommendation

That where members consider approval of the application all existing conditions will apply. If granted the below condition should also be imposed on the licence which outlines the number of dogs permitted.

1. The premises shall operate 9 Kennels to accommodate a maximum 27 Dogs.

1.4 List of Background papers

Licence Application
Veterinary Officer's Report
NPTCBC Model Licence Conditions for Breeding (DOGS)
Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs – Published by the Welsh Assembly

1.5 Wards Affected

Margam

1.6 Officer Contact

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Appendix 1



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VISIT TO GLASFRYN KENNELS, MARGAM, PORT TALBOT ON THE 19TH JANUARY 2015

Introduction

Mr R Gardiner owns a large licensed kennels on the back road between Margam and Kenfig. Mr Gardiner is a well-established breeder of Tibetan Mastiffs. Set apart from the commercial kennels he has constructed kennels of a very high standard to accommodate his own dogs. The building in question is described separately below.

Construction

The building is of breeze block construction with cavity walls. It has a glass fibre mono pitch roof. The external dimensions are 11 metres by 4 metres. Ceiling height at the lower point is about 2.4 metres. This is built on a concrete base with 3 large concreted exercise runs of approximately 40 square metres each. These are enclosed in mesh fencing.

Further points related to Guidance and Model Conditions for Licensing Dog Breeding Establishments (non domestic)

- 1.1.1 No wood has been used internally in the construction of this unit.
- 1.1.3 Walls have been built in high quality, close grained breeze block and water proof painted.
- 1.1.5 All internal and external fixtures are of a very sturdy construction. Weld mesh conforms to the parameters laid out in this section.
- 1.2.2 Junctions between walls and tiled floors have not been coved but have been well sealed.
- 1.2.3 Partition heights were approximately 2 metres.
- 1.3 Floors
Inside the building all floors were tiled.
- 1.3.3 Extended runs had a tall wall in excess of 1 in 80 and was well drained with channels.
- 1.5 All doors complied with section.
- 1.6 Windows were of PVC and double glazed to building regulation standards.

- 1.7 Drainage
I presumed that this has been provided for within the boarding license conditions.
- 1.8 All lighting units were sealed neon which attach to the ceiling which was constructed from white PVC imitation "Tongue & Groove".
- 1.9 Ventilation
The ventilation appeared adequate and suitable for the particular requirements of the breed.
- 1.10 Number of dogs
In my opinion the two smaller kennels (7 square metres each) would comfortably house 3 dogs of this breed and the larger kennel (9.2 square metres) 4 dogs. This gives a total of 10 dogs for the unit.
- 1.11.1 Kennel size layout and exercise
The exercise runs are easily adequate for the number of dogs proposed. Sleeping platforms approximately 200mm off the floor were available. Note this breed are an extremely hardy breed with a very thick coat. Consideration to overheating has been addressed.
- 1.11.5 All kennels open out into a secure corridor and dog grooming area. This area has a sink and large dog grooming bath plumbed in.
- 1.12.1 The temperature requirements of this breed are not typical of dogs in general. They are a mountainous outside guard dog with a very heavy coat. Low temperatures are well tolerated. High temperatures may be a problem. It is my opinion that this housing will provide a very suitable environment for dogs of this breed. Monitoring of the sleeping area temperatures would however be wise.
- 1.13 Cleanliness
All the provisions of this section have been satisfactorily addressed. They run in parallel with the systems adapted in the commercial kennel.
- 2.2 Supervision
Mr Gardiner is an experienced dog breeder and I am sure will satisfy the provisions laid down in this section.
- 2.3 Food and water supplies
I am sure the owner will be able to comply with the conditions of this section.



2.4 Kitchen facilities

A well-appointed kitchen was built onto this unit.

3.0 Disease control, vaccination and worming

No records were presented but as Mr Gardiner shows and exports his dog this is a necessary requirement and I assume a programme of preventative medicine is in place as it must be for the commercial kennels.

Section 3.2, 3.3 and 4.0 will be covered by the management system already in place for the commercial kennels (First Aid kits, isolation facilities and emergency fire regulations). These are already monitored by the NPTCBC Licensing Department.

Section 5 covering transport and section 6. Health and welfare of breeding bitches are addressed by examination of written records. These were not presented at the time of my visit and therefore were not examined. The records should be part of the on-going surveillance of the licencing authority.

Conclusion

This is a very well-constructed development by an experienced breeder. I can see no reason not to grant a non-domestic breeding license once the record keeping has been seen and deemed satisfactory.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.C. Irons".

R.C Irons BVSc, MRCVS.

Dated: 28th January 2015
