

## Home Boarding Licence Application

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### **Introduction**

The applicant has a detached house located in a rural location in Ammanford. The application involves the entrance hall, lounge, cat room, guest room and garden.

All paragraph numbers refer to the Model Licence Conditions for Home Boarding (dogs), Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

### **1. General**

1.1 -1.6 There was public liability insurance in place for home boarding. The applicant was made aware that entire males and bitches in season or bitches due to be in season during the boarding, must not be boarded together or boarded with resident dogs and that puppies under 6 months of age must not be boarded together with other dogs including resident dogs.

### **2. Licence Display**

1.2 The applicant was made aware of this requirement.

### **3. Numbers of Animals**

3.1 The maximum number of dogs to be kept at any one time is 4 dogs.

3.2 The applicant was made aware of these requirements. There is adequate space for dogs to be fed and housed separately when unsupervised.

3.3 There are outdoor cats who occasionally come in. the cat flap can be locked when needed to prevent conflict between the cats and boarded dogs.

3.4 There are two children on the premises. A risk assessment needs to be completed.

### **4. Construction**

4.1 The applicant was made aware of this requirement.

4.2 There is no shared entrance or shared ground.

4.3 There is adequate space, light, heat and ventilation.

4.4 There were no hazards present.

4.5 There is space to separate dogs.

4.6 The applicant was made aware of the provisions of this section. A suitable vehicle is available.

## 5. Management

### 5.1 Training

5.1.1 No staff will be employed.

### 5.2 Cleanliness

5.2.2 -5.2.5 The inspected areas were clean and tidy. The applicant will need to arrange for an appropriate commercial waste contractor to be engaged.

### 5.3 Food and Water Supplies

5.3.1-5.3.4 The applicant was made aware of the requirements of this section. The owner is aware of the risks of raw feeding to children and will not be accepting raw fed dogs for boarding.

### 5.4 Kitchen Facilities

The applicant was aware of this section. There are separate kitchen facilities.

### 5.5 Disease Control and Vaccination

5.5.1 &5.5.2 The applicant was made aware of the vaccination requirements, regular worming and flea treatment and record keeping.

5.5.3 – 5.5.5 The applicant is registered with a veterinary surgeon. There is large first aid kit available.

5.5.6 The applicant was aware of the importance of regular parasite prevention.

5.5.7 It was advised that the applicant use a veterinary recommended product to treat the premises.

5.5.8 An appropriate disinfectant was being used.

### 5.6 Isolation and Contagious Disease Outbreak

5.6.1-5.6.4 The applicant was made aware of the provisions of this section and the room closest to the garage has a separate entrance and would be suitable as an isolation area if required. The applicant must inform the council on the next working day if a dog develops an infectious disease and the premises may need to undergo a quarantine period.

## 5.7 Register

5.7.1 A registration document needs to be provided to the council.

5.7.2– 5.7.5 The applicant was made aware of the provisions of these sections.

## 5.8 Supervision

5.8.1-5.8.2 The applicant is able to comply with all the provisions of these sections.

5.8.3 The applicant has two children, the youngest is seven years old. Under the provisions of this section, she should not be licensed. It would be advisable however to consider if there could be additional risk assessments and a trial with each dog and her children to assess the risks posed by individual dogs to her children and by her children to individual dogs. Procedures could be put in place to regulate the interactions between the dogs and the children. A full risk assessment and details of any procedures that will be put in place needs to be provided to the council. Familiarisation trials would need to be documented. The applicant is a veterinary nurse and has considerable experience with dogs and this should be taken into consideration.

5.8.4 The applicant is aware that only persons over 16 years of age are allowed to walk the dogs in public.

## 5.9 Exercise

5.9.1 The applicant is aware that she must record owners' wishes regarding exercise.

5.9.2-5.9.4 There is access to a large garden. The fencing is not secure and has got barbed wire which is a hazard to the dogs.

5.9.5 The applicant was aware of the necessity for identity tags or collars.

5.9.6 The applicant was made aware that the council must be informed on the next working day if a dog goes missing from the licensed premises.

## 5.10 Fire/Emergency Precautions

5.10.1 – 5.10.3 The applicant was aware of the provisions of these sections.

5.10.4 An emergency evacuation plan and a fire warning procedure is in place. This needs to be displayed.

5.10.5 There were smoke alarms on the premises. The applicant is aware that there needs to be at least two working smoke detectors located at the top and the bottom of the staircase.

5.10.6 The applicant was made aware of this requirement.

5.10.7 There were no trailing wires.

5.10.8 There were no freestanding heating appliances.

5.10.9 The applicant will need to put arrangements in place in case of emergencies. The Licensing Authority will need to record these arrangements.

## **Conclusion**

The following points need to be addressed;

1. Public Liability insurance is in place, the certificate needs to be displayed.
2. Arrangements need to be put in place for storage and disposal of trade waste.
3. The garden needs to be made secure.
4. A risk assessment needs to be carried out and provided to the council.
5. Procedures to reduce risks to children on the premises needs to be provided to the council.
6. A registration document needs to be provided to the council.
7. The details of the emergency contact need to be given to the Local Authority.

If the points raised above are satisfactorily addressed, I can see no reason why a Home Boarding Licence should not be granted.

Signed:

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