



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	Andrea Pearman
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	23/06/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	15	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☒ STANDARDS MET	☐ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☒ 2 YEARS	☐ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
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INSPECTION COMMENTS

No.	Comments
	Sleeping dog units in outbuilding. Good ventilation, cool, bright and quiet. Large kennels with sawdust and beds.
	Puppy units in outbuilding, sawdust on floor, soft bed, food and water bowl seen. Cocker spaniel litter seen, 5 weeks old. Weaned and separated from Mum early due to c-section and mastitis complications.
	Outside areas are a fenced wooded area, trees providing enrichment and shade. Water bowl seen.
	Whelping unit inside house and in outbuilding. CCTV. Litter of 2week Labrador puppies.
	All dogs and puppies appeared in good health and good temperament.
	Kitchen in outbuilding was clean. Emergency plans/contacts etc displayed on notice board.
	Isolation kennel in garage.
	Licensee in process of genetically screening breeding stock.
	Updated dogs on premises list provided with vaccination, flea and worming dates.
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification Not met
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Not met
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met
HS(R)	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Not met
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Met
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Met. Inside and outside areas.
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Not Met
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Met
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met

HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met
HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Not met
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results
HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Ongoing testing
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both)
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Not met
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree)
HS(R)	/14
HS(O)	/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	N
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Y

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	N
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	N

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y. Dog crates in van
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y

5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N
HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Y
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y
HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Y

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Y
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Y
HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Y
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Y
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	N
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y
HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Y

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Y
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y. In garage
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y. Incinerator/muck heap
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y. Wood Farm Vet
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Y
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y. Wood Farm Vet
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Y

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Y
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Y
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Y
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Y
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Y
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y. All dogs appeared happy and healthy
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Y
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Y
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Y
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of	Y. Seen during inspection

	(a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Y
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a)its name, (b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Y
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y. Seen during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y. Rehoming policy
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	Y

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous year.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	1
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1

	with supporting evidence where applicable.		
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	2. Procedures should be updated and personalised.
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1
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INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
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6.5 (HS)	Only minimum Defra standards have been achieved as not all of the current breeding stock have been tested for hereditary diseases using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type.
	Purpose-built cabin-style kennelling (sleeping + exercise areas) meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Whelping facilities inside licensee's home meet Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place + noise absorbent kennel insulation
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in vehicle.
	All dogs were observed in good health well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds –all environmental enrichment requirements appear to be fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all vaccination records + parasite treatment checked as up-to-date during inspection
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + CCTV + lockable gates
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed in writing by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping + all dog vaccination records checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of in septic tank
3(1)	22 dogs on the premises comprising 12 x Pomeranian breeding bitches + 8 x Pomeranian stud dogs + 2 pets
4(1)	Although licensee's husband assists as a part-time carer Defra higher standard HS(R) is not met for 1 full-time carer for 10 adult dogs
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Not Met – Only licensee (full-time) + husband (part-time) live on the premises.
4.00 Staffing	Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had – Not Met
	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met

5.00 Suitable Environment	CCTV present in premises to monitor dogs + puppies at all times + monitoring records kept and observed at inspection Licensee lives on site and confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check – Met Dog monitoring records inspected The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met All facilities have been built to the Defra standards and dogs have access to a large outdoor grassed area as observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Both dog cabins are fully insulated and there are heaters in all dog sleeping areas + portable electric fans, heat lamps and whelping pen heaters as observed at inspection Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that’s proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met Written feeding plan in place for dogs + puppies and provided to the LA Feeding requirements notice observed at inspection A minimum of a week’s supply of the puppies’ current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met Puppy pack containing two week’s supply of puppy food observed at inspection
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons - Met Written procedures in place for exercise / enrichment plan for dogs. Each dog gets the required 20 mins twice a day out in the outdoor exercise area. Dogs that have special needs are taken out for gentle walks on the property.
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met There are 2 competent people on site who permanently reside there so the site is never left unattended. Licensee’s written confirmation received
B - Specific Conditions	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Not Met Licensee confirmed that although not all dogs are registered with the Kennel Club, all buyers are given information regarding the parents lineage and health tests as recorded in the puppy contracts.

1.00 Adverts + Sales	Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
6.00 Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met All age requirements + litter numbers confirmed in breeding record inspection Bitches are only allowed to breed up to 4 times, all records about the litters recorded and sent. Bitches will retire at no more than 7 years of age. Records of caesareans will be given and bitches will no longer be bred from afterwards. Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Not Met No genetic screening undertaken No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Not Met No genetic screening checks are all carried out before mating. Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices provided to LA A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copies of sales contracts provided to LA Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee personally amends microchipping databases with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that all requirements for inbreeding are adhered
Total	Required higher standards met = 10 Required higher standards not met = 4

	Optional higher standards met = 6 Optional standards not met = 2
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APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Affirmed by licensee
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Affirmed by licensee

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	22 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Licensee + 1 part-time carer
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	No
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
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5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Affirmed by licensee
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No – written confirmation received

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Affirmed by licensee

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Affirmed by licensee
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Affirmed by licensee
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy pack provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Affirmed by licensee
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Affirmed by licensee

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Written procedures in place for exercise / enrichment plan for dogs. Each dog gets the required 20 mins twice a day out in the outdoor exercise area. Dogs that have special needs are taken out for gentle walks on the property.
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Affirmed by licensee

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Affirmed by licensee
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Affirmed by licensee
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Affirmed by licensee
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Affirmed by licensee
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Affirmed by licensee

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessed
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Affirmed by licensee
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Affirmed by licensee

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Written confirmation received
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Affirmed by licensee
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Affirmed by licensee
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Affirmed by licensee
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Affirmed by licensee
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Affirmed by licensee
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Affirmed by licensee
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Affirmed by licensee

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection

2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Affirmed by licensee
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Affirmed by licensee
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Affirmed by licensee
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Affirmed by licensee
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)		Yes

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Affirmed by licensee
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Affirmed by licensee
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Affirmed by licensee
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Affirmed by licensee
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Affirmed by licensee
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Affirmed by licensee

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Observed during inspection

	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Observed during inspection
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Observed during inspection

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs appeared in good health at inspection
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Affirmed by licensee
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Affirmed by licensee
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Affirmed by licensee
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Affirmed by licensee
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k) the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and	Records checked during inspection

	(e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Evidence submitted over the previous two years reveals satisfactory compliance that has not required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement	No follow up action by the local authority deemed necessary	1
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection	No repeat inspection deemed necessary to ensure compliance	1
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	No complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous two years	1
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues	Licence holder always shows willingness to address any issues identified	1
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation	Satisfactory environmental enrichment present, consistently used and its importance understood and valued.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder is fully engaged with their role/responsibilities	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place	Planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment in excellent condition	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time	Licensee has experience / knowledge of the species.	1

	and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas		
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues	No lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately	Satisfactory written procedures / policies provided	1
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable	No staff requiring training	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available	Satisfactory record keeping + relevance of records appreciated	1
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records	Licensee to review and reassess her own learning requirements over the next 2 years	1
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	Andrea Pearman
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	19 January 2024
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	15	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	X LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☒ STANDARDS MET	☐ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☒ 2 YEARS	☐ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

INSPECTION COMMENTS

No.	Comments
	All sleeping + exercise areas in the kennelling facility meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment.
	Purpose built whelping facilities in both the kennelling facility and the licensee's home environment meet Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members + emergency carers for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place and observed during inspection
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in ventilated car
	Dogs were observed and appeared in good health – all environmental enrichment requirements appear to be fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all booster vaccination records + parasite treatment checked as up-to-date during inspection
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + lockable gates + CCTV
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of in septic tank
	5 x Cocker Spaniel breeding bitches + 3 x Labrador breeding bitches + 1 x Poodle stud dog + 1 Cocker Spaniel stud dog
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs - Met Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met
4.00 Staffing	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
5.00 Suitable Environment	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met – Licensee affirmed that both CCTV + in person out-of-hours checks are carried out on the kenneled dogs + all puppy litters are whelped in the licensee's house where in-person checks are undertaken during nighttime hours

	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Not Met – No monitoring records produced during inspection although licensee confirmed that dog monitoring is continually undertaken The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met – The dogs have both indoor and outdoor exercise areas + raised beds in the kenneling units as observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met - licensee confirmed that the fans and heaters observed during inspection are employed during extreme weather conditions. As required the initial licence vet inspection compliance requirements, all doors and windows of the kenneling unit have been replaced as observed during inspection Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met – A written noise management plan is in place for the premises and measures are in place to mitigate dog noise as observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met – Written feeding procedures provided to Licensing Authority + individual dog feeding plans in place and recorded on kitchen whiteboard as observed during inspection A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met – Licensee affirmed this is included in the puppy pack items provided to new owners
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met – Written procedures in place and provided to the Licensing Authority – licensee confirmed that her dogs are also exercised as working gun dogs
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met – Confirmed in writing by licensee
B - Specific Conditions 1.00 Adverts + Sales	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Not Met – Puppies are of mixed breed so cannot be KC registered Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met – Information contained in puppy contract

6.00 Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met – Licensee affirmed this through the breeding records provided to the Licensing Authority Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Not Met – Genetic screening not undertaken No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Not Met – Genetic screening not undertaken Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation – Not Met – Puppies are not registered as they are all of mixed breed A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer – Not Met – Although licensee affirmed that vet checks + vaccinations are undertaken and the information is provided to the buyer, no proof of this was provided at inspection A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith – Met – Copy of contract provided to the Licensing Authority Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Not Met No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) – Not Met – only mixed breed puppies are produced
Total	Required higher standards met = 8 Required higher standards not met = 6 Optional higher standards met = 4 Optional standards not met = 4

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	10 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection

5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Licensee affirmed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy pack provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensee affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
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10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes
HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed

General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed

2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

HS(R)		Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs appeared in good health – all vaccination records checked during inspection
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months;	Licensee affirmed

	(b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Written monitoring records not undertaken
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	Birth records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Birth records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a)its name, (b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Health records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address	1 Documented evidence over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 The initial vet inspection compliance requirements have now been fully complied with
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensee has demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues over the past year
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensee shows understanding of environmental enrichment for the dogs in her care
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensee understands her role and responsibilities under the legislation

	evidence where applicable.		
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensee + husband have appropriate knowledge of their dogs and will undertake the required monitoring + recording processes
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	2 Additional monitoring + recording procedures have been put in place over the past year, but further monitoring procedures required
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records	1 No staff to supervise as this is a family run business
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated	1 Written procedures + records observed at inspection were of a satisfactory standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensee to review her self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			15



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Happy Doodles
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	13/05/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☒ STANDARDS MET	☐ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☒ 2 YEARS	☐ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	Increase number of breeding bitches from previous license. Facilities acceptable for amount requested (11 breeding bitches and 2 stud dogs) but licensee should ensure they keep to this maximum number.
	Whelping unit clean, cool and light. Units cleaned. Puppies all bright and alert. Fresh water available, and appropriate feed in whelping bowls. Heat lamp available. Whiteboard with feed details available.
	Kennels were clean, in good condition and shaded from the sun. Clean water seen. Raised bed in sleeping area. Outside exercise area was secure and safe.
	Comprehensive policies and procedures written covering required topics.
	All required records kept and seen on inspection. Very organised records.
	Clean kitchen area with running water. Food stored securely. Medication cabinet and fridge available.
	Appropriate toys and feeding enrichment equipment seen during inspection
	Smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, tethering hooks and emergency leads seen.
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met - 2 members of staff for 13 dogs.
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification Not met
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Not met
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met – CCTV in whelping unit. Checked at 9pm and 6am.
HS(R)	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Met
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Met. Portable fans and heaters available.
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Met. Inside and outside exercise areas available.
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Met- Written noise management plan seen. Premises was quiet during the inspection.
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Met – Feeding plans in place. Feeding enrichment witnessed during inspection
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met – included in puppy pack
HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met- Written enrichment plan seen

HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Met
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results Not Met Not all puppies are able to be recorded in the UK with a registration organisation due to their being of mixed breeds
HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met -Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Not Met- Genetic screening not undertaken
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) Not Met- Genetic screening not undertaken
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation Met
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer Met- Vet checks carried out
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met- puppy contract seen
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Met – Licensee chips puppies and updates details
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) Met
HS(R)	11/14
HS(O)	6/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Y. Displayed in unit
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y. Seen during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Y. Seen

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	N
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	N

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y Travel crate seen
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y

5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Y
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y 9pm and 6am

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y. Portable fans and heat lamps
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Y. Seen

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Y
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Y

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Y
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y included in puppy pack

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y Secure area plus walks

7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Y
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	N
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y Puppy plan seen

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Y
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y Seen
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Y Seen
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y Separate kennel with water
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y Septic tank
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Y
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y J&S and Belinda Rose
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y Locked cabinet and fridge

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9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Y

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Y
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y Secure gates
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y Next door

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Y
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Y

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y

2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y Temp seen
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Y
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Y

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y Puppy plan seen
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y Seen
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Y
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Y
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y Puppies seen
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Y
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Y
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Y Seen
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Y. Copy given during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k) the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Y Seen
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e) the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y Seen
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y Flea, worm,

		vacc records
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	N/A

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 High levels of compliance seen
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous year.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	1
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1

	with supporting evidence where applicable.		
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All buildings are very well built and maintained
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 Comprehensive policies written
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1 Clear and organised records seen
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADDRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Hiams Hounds
INSPECTOR NAME	Stewart Broome
DATE OF INSPECTION	09:30 hours on 17 October 2024
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14		
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK	
INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS	
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...	
LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS

Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

No.	Comments
	A very high standard of compliance with all Defra requirements observed during inspection
	Purpose-built kennelling (sleeping areas + runs) + whelping facilities meet all Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place with no dog facing kennels present + noise barrier fencing erected in front of outside dog runs + noise absorbent kennel insulation
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in ventilated van
	All dogs were observed in excellent health, very well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds – all environmental enrichment requirements are being fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all vaccination records + parasite treatment checked as up-to-date during inspection
	High level of site security observed with safety fencing + CCTV + lockable gates
	Competent person on site at all times as both licensees live on site and concentrate on a full-time breeding programme
	Licensee has a Level 3 qualification in Canine Psychology + a level 3 qualification in Kennel Assistant & Management + a level 3 certificate in First Aid at Work + Dog First Aid + Canine Emergency certificate + Microchip Implant training certificate
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information are complied with – new owners are provided with all KC registration + dog health screening information to comply with Defra higher standards
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Licensee is compliant with Defra higher standards for breeding purposes
	Trade waste contract for weekly collections of dog waste
	21 breeding bitches + 4 stud dogs + 1 Pet + 35 puppies at any one time to be added to the licence

A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met – Four workers are permanently living on the premises, all of whom are instructed to care for the dogs and regularly monitor them.
4.00 Staffing	Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Met Licensee has a Level 3 qualification in Canine Psychology + a level 3 qualification in Kennel Assistant & Management + a level 3 certificate in First Aid at Work Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had – Met Licensee has a Level 3 qualification in Canine Psychology + all records are kept

	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met CCTV present in premises to monitor dogs + puppies at all times + monitoring records kept and observed at inspection Licensees live on site and confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check – Met Dog monitoring records inspected The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met All facilities have been built to the Defra standards. Dogs have access to an outdoor paddock, kennel run and elevated tiled sleeping area as observed at inspection
5.00 Suitable Environment	Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met There are heaters in all dog sleeping areas + portable electric fans, heat lamps and whelping pen heaters as observed at inspection +m photos provided Licensees confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection

6.00 Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met All age requirements + litter numbers confirmed in breeding record inspection Bitches are only allowed to breed up to 4 times, all records about the litters recorded and sent. Bitches will retire at no more than 7 years of age. Records of caesareans will be given and bitches will no longer be bred from afterwards. Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Met Genetic screening records provided to LA No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Met Genetic screening records provided to LA + the checks are all carried out before mating. No dog will be allowed to breed if it was to negatively affect their offspring. All pups born must have a low level of inbreeding. Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices provided to LA A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copies of sales contracts provided to LA Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee personally amends microchipping databases with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that all requirements for inbreeding are adhered to as the Col of all litters are checked before any breeding takes place. Licensee confirmed that no breeding will take place if the breed average is exceed.
Total	Required higher standards met = 14 Required higher standards not met = 0 Optional higher standards met = 8 Optional standards not met = 0

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	26 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes – 4 x f/t carers live on site
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes – 4 staff members available for 26 dogs
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	Licensee has a Level 3 qualification in Kennel Assistant & Management
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	Licensee has a Level 3 qualification in Canine Psychology

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection

5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Dogs have access to an outdoor paddock, kennel run and elevated tiled sleeping area as observed at inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Monitoring records observed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	2 weeks supply of puppy food provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	There is an exercise/enrichment plan for dogs. Each dog gets the required 20 mins twice a dog out in the exercise field. Dogs that require special needs are taken out for gentle walks down our footpath next to the property.
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place

9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes
HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed

General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
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Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

HS(R)		Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
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	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
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6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events	Records checked during inspection

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6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
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6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

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Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensees show a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in their care

Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensees clearly understand their role and responsibilities under the legislation
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All kennels + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas installed to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensees + family carers have the appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1 Written procedures + records seen at inspection were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensees to undertake courses for selfdevelopment during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	House of Wallensis Ltd
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	13/05/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	Requested increase in numbers of dog but keeping HS rating. Requested 14 dogs in total, increased from 10. Will allowed 12 dogs in total (10 breeding stock + 2 pet dogs).
	House was clean and tidy. No hazards present. Multiple dog beds, blankets, water bowls seen. Portable fans in use, house was cool and bright.
	Garden was clean, with multiple toys and enrichment activities. Garden was shaded. Paddling pool to keep dogs cool.
	Garden fully secure with tethering rings.
	Isolation in bathroom with sink, cleaning materials and access to front door.
	Detailed policies and procedures seen.
	Organised and thorough records kept and shown during inspection.
	Dogs in good health and condition and very friendly and calm during inspection.
	2 whelping facilities set up in conservatory with heat lamps and portable fans available.
	All vaccinations, flea and worming treatments up to date and recorded.
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met- One staff per 10 breeding dogs.
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification Not met
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Not met
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met- Dogs and puppies checked regularly
HS(R)	The license holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Met
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Met - Portable fans seen in use during inspection
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Met - House and garden gives wide choice of areas for dogs.
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Met – written plan seen
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Met- Individual plans seen
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met- included in puppy pack

HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met- written plan seen
HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Met
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results Met
HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met – details given in puppy packs
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Met- genetic testing on all dogs.
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) Met
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation Met
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer Met – Vet health checks seen
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Met
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) Met
HS(R)	14/14
HS(O)	6/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Y. Seen
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Y. Seen

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y

5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N
HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Y. Multiple areas, beds, access to garden with enrichment activities.
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y. Checked in evening. Litters checked regularly throughout night.
HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y. Central heating and portable fans seen
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Y. Written plan seen

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y. Detailed meal plans seen
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Y
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Y
HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Y. Detailed meal plans seen
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y. Included in puppy packs

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Y
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	Y
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y. Puppy socialisation policy seen

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Yes. Written policy seen
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y. Written policies seen
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	y. Written policy seen
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y. Dog bin seen in garden
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Y. Flea and worming treatment up to date
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y.
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y. Cabinet seen
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Y

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Y
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y. Seen during inspection

10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y. Padlocked garden gate
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y. 2 local key holders

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Y
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y. 9wks-14 wks
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Y

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y. Access to garden
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y. Whelping units seen
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y. Heats lamps and fans as appropriate
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Y. Multiple beds seen
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y

2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Y

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y. Detailed puppy weight records seen
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y. Written policy seen
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y. Large variety of toys and play equipment seen
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Y. Dogs live together
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Y
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y. All dogs happy and healthy
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Y
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Y
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y

6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y. Genetic tests carried out
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Y
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	Y. Records seen
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Y. Records seen
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6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y. Records seen
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y. 2 dogs currently going for rehoming
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y. Seen
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y
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Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1. Excellent environmental enrichment evident
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1

	with supporting evidence where applicable.		
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1. All areas well maintained
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1. Licensee demonstrates thorough knowledge of breed and breeding
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1. Detailed written procedures
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1. Detailed records kept
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



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BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Ice Pack
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	27 September 2024
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

INSPECTION COMMENTS

No.	Comments
	A very high standard of compliance with all Defra requirements observed during inspection
	Purpose-built kennelling (sleeping areas + runs) + whelping facilities meet all Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place with no dog facing kennels present + noise barrier fencing erected in front of outside dog runs + noise absorbent kennel insulation
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in ventilated van
	All dogs were observed in excellent health, very well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds – all environmental enrichment requirements are being fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all vaccination records + parasite treatment checked as up-to-date during inspection
	High level of site security observed with safety fencing + CCTV + lockable gates
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed in writing by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information are complied with – new owners are provided with all KC registration + dog health screening information to comply with Defra higher standards
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Licensee is compliant with Defra higher standards for breeding purposes
	Trade waste contract for weekly collections of dog waste with Amey
	All German Shepherd breeding bitches + German Shepherd stud dogs have had genetic health screening undertaken or will be undertaken as part of the licensee's ongoing breeding screening programme
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs – Met – 2 full-time + 1 part-time carers available Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
4.00 Staffing	
5.00	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met

Suitable Environment	CCTV present in premises to monitor dogs + puppies at all times + monitoring records kept and observed at inspection Licensee lives on site and confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Met Dog monitoring records inspected The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met Observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Portable fans + heaters + heat lamps observed at inspection Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that’s proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met Written feeding plan in place for dogs + puppies Feeding requirements notice observed at inspection A minimum of a week’s supply of the puppies’ current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met Puppy pack containing one week’s supply of puppy food observed at inspection
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met Written procedures in place
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met Licensee’s written confirmation received
B - Specific Conditions 1.00 Adverts	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Met Registration certificates observed at inspection Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to

+ Sales	any screening tests – Met Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
6.00 Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met All age requirements + litter numbers confirmed in breeding record inspection Licensee confirmed that no breeding bitch has undergone a caesarean Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices observed at inspection A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copies of sales contracts provided during inspection Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee personally amends microchipping databases with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that all requirements for inbreeding are adhered to
Total	Required higher standards met = 14 Required higher standards not met = 0 Optional higher standards met = 6 Optional standards not met = 2

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	23 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	2 x f/t+ 1 x p/t carers available
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection

5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Monitoring records observed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy food provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensee affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
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10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes
HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed

General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed

2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee affirmed

6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a)its name, (b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 Evidence from inspections over previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
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DATE OF INSPECTION	20 January 2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

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INSPECTION COMMENTS

No.	Comments
	All sleeping areas meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Whelping facilities situated in licensee's home environment meets Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members + emergency carers for training purposes
	Noise management plan is in place and observed during inspection
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in ventilated car
	All dogs were observed in good health well groomed, friendly and docile – environmental enrichment health requirements appear to be complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health is undertaken
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + lockable gates + CCTV
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	Dog waste disposed of in household waste
	Up-to-date worming or parasite control for all dogs on the premises was available during the inspection
	2 x Labrador breeding bitch + 1 Miniature Schnauzer breeding bitch + 1 x Shih Tzu stud dog + 2 resident dogs + up to 15 puppies at any given time
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs - Met Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met – Licensee only has level 2 + level 3 qualifications on dog grooming
4.00 Staffing	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
5.00 Suitable Environment	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met – Licensee affirmed that both CCTV + in person out-of-hours checks are carried out on the dogs + all puppy litters which live and are whelped in the licensee's house

	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Met – Whiteboard used to monitor. The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met – The dogs have satisfactory indoor sleeping areas, and the outdoor exercise area has been improved to a satisfactory standard. Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met - licensee confirmed that the fans and heaters observed during inspection are employed during extreme weather conditions Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met – A written noise management plan is in place for the premises and measures are in place to mitigate dog noise as observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met – Written feeding procedures provided to Licensing Authority + individual dog feeding plans in place and recorded on whiteboard as observed during inspection A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met – Licensee confirmed in a photo that this is included in the puppy pack items provided to new owners
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met – Dog walker employed. arrived during inspection and was witnessed taking the dogs for a walk. Improved outdoor exercise area now available.
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met – Confirmed in writing by licensee
B - Specific Conditions	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Met – Registration documents seen at inspection Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met – Information contained in puppy contract
1.00 Adverts + Sales	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating.

6.00 Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Not Met – More than 3 back-to-back ‘accidental’ matings have occurred since licensing commenced in January 2020 Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Not Met – Genetic screening not undertaken No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Not Met – Genetic screening not undertaken Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation – Met – No dog has had surgery to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer – Met – Vet checked by (Mobile Vets), example of proof photographed A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith – Met – Copy of contract provided to the Licensing Authority Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer’s details – Not Met No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) – Not Met – No record provided of this having occurred.
Total	Required higher standards met = 11 Required higher standards not met = 3 Optional higher standards met = 4 Optional standards not met = 4

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	6 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Outside exercise area meets Defra minimum standards for dog safety + welfare needs
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed

5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No - Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Dogs are limited to the new 'dog day room' and do not appear to spend time in the main part of the home environment
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Licensee affirmed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy pack provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No - Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed
HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Access to a secure open exercise area is available, and dog walker used

Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed

9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes - Licensee affirmed
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection

2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	The outdoor exercise area is now suitable

HS(R)		Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs appeared in good health – all vaccination records checked during inspection
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	The potential for ‘accidental’ pregnancies to occur whilst waiting for the retired breeding bitches to be spayed was discussed with licensee. Licensee confirmed now all spayed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Written monitoring records not undertaken
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy’s sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	Birth records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Birth records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a)its name, (b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Health records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and	Records checked during inspection

	(e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Rehoming programme discussed with licensee as the 3 retired breeding bitches will not be vaccinated in the future
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address	2 Formal inspections over the previous year revealed non-compliance issues in dog safety + welfare that has required the intervention of the LA
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	2 Follow up action by the LA has taken place during the last year triggered by low level non-compliance that has not been not addressed
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	2 Repeat inspection was required during 2023
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous year.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensee has demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues over the past year
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	2 Licensee shows minimal understanding of environmental enrichment for the dogs in her care
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood,	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and	2 Licensee shows a lack of understanding in her role and responsibilities under the legislation and lacks time to satisfactorily fulfil her role

	properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	as she is also a full-time dog groomer
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 Premises renovations have not been entirely completed –necessary improvements to the outdoor exercise area to be carried out
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensee + husband have appropriate knowledge of their dogs and will undertake the required monitoring + recording processes
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	2 More robust monitoring + recording procedures to be put in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records	1 No staff to supervise as this is a family run business
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated	1 Written procedures + records observed at inspection were of a satisfactory standard though not always adhered to
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensee to review her self-development during the coming year Licensee's husband to undertake microchipping training course
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			20 – High risk



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Jontame Fenport Kennels
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	25 July 2022
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	X LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all dog vaccinations checked as up to date
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	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of by incineration
	2 x Golden Retriever breeding bitches + 1 x Golden Retriever stud dog + 1 Cocker Spaniel pet – Higher standard met for staffing levels
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	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met Observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Portable fans + heaters + heat lamps observed at inspection Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met Written feeding plan in place for dogs + puppies Feeding requirements notice observed at inspection A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met Puppy pack containing one week's supply of puppy food observed at inspection
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met Written procedures in place
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met Licensee's written confirmation received
B - Specific Conditions	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Met Kennel Club registration seen
1.00 Adverts + Sales	Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
6.00	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met

Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	All age requirements + litter numbers confirmed in breeding record inspection Licensee confirmed that no breeding bitch has undergone a caesarean Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices observed at inspection A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copy of contract provided during inspection Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee confirmed that microchipping databases are amended with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that under Kennel Club registration policy, all Kennel Club requirements for inbreeding are adhered to
Total	Required higher standards met = 14 Required higher standards not met = 0 Optional higher standards met = 6 Optional standards not met = 2

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	4 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection

5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Yes Licensee affirmed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy pack provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensee affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

HS(R)		Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed

4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee affirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name,	Records checked

	(b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 Evidence from inspections over previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensee has always demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensee shows a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in her care

Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensee clearly understands her role and responsibilities under the legislation
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All kennels + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas installed to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensees + staff have appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1 Written procedures + records seen at inspection

			were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensee to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Jumbana & Ivamae Dogs
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	2 December 2022
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	X LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
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INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	All sleeping + exercise areas meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Whelping facilities meet Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members + emergency carers for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place and observed during inspection
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	All dogs were observed in good health well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds –all environmental enrichment requirements appear to be fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all dog vaccinations checked as up to date
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + lockable gates + CCTV
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of in on-site composter + incineration
	Dogs permanently on the premises = 23 x Cocker Spaniel breeding bitches + 8 x Dachshund breeding bitches + 3 Cocker Spaniel stud dogs + 1 Dachshund stud dog + 1 guard dog Total 36 dogs permanently on premises – Higher standard met for staffing levels
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6.00 Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met All age requirements + litter numbers confirmed in breeding record inspection Licensee confirmed that no breeding bitch has undergone a caesarean Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices observed at inspection A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copy of contract provided during inspection Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee confirmed she is qualified to microchip the puppies – certificate provided – and personally amends microchipping databases with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that all requirements for inbreeding are adhered to
Total	Required higher standards met = 14 Required higher standards not met = 0 Optional higher standards met = 6 Optional standards not met = 2

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	36 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	3 x f/t + 2 x p/t carers available
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	No
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed

5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Monitoring records observed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy food voucher provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensee affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

HS(R)		Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed

4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee affirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name,	Records checked

	(b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 Evidence from inspections over previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensees have always demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensees show a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in their care

Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensees clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All kennels + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas installed to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensees + family carers have the appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being	1 Written procedures + records seen

		manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	at inspection were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensees to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Labrador City
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	2 August 2023
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	X LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	A high standard of compliance with all Defra requirements observed during inspection
	Purpose-built kennelling (sleeping areas + runs) + whelping facilities meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place with no dog facing kennels present
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in ventilated van
	All dogs were observed in good health, very well groomed and friendly and docile for their breeds – all environmental enrichment requirements are being fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all vaccination records + parasite treatment checked as up-to-date during inspection
	High level of site security observed with safety fencing + CCTV + lockable gates
	Competent person on site at all times as both licensees live on site and concentrate on a full-time breeding programme
	Licensee has certificates for canine first aid + microchip Implant training certificate + pregnancy scanning course + breeding and whelping course
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information are complied with – new owners are provided with all KC registration + dog health screening information to comply with Defra higher standards
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Licensee is compliant with Defra higher standards for breeding purposes
	Septic tank used for dog waste
	11 Labrador breeding bitches + 1 Labrador stud dog
A – General Conditions 4.00 Staffing	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met – Four family members are permanently living on the premises, all of whom are instructed to care for the dogs and regularly monitor them. Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had – Not Met
5.00	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met

Suitable Environment	CCTV present in premises to monitor dogs + puppies at all times + monitoring records kept and observed at inspection Licensee lives on site and confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check – Met Dog monitoring records inspected The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met All facilities have been built to the Defra standards and dogs have access to outdoor fields, kennel runs and elevated sleeping area as observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met There are heaters in all dog sleeping areas + portable electric fans, heat lamps and whelping pen heaters as observed at inspection +m photos provided Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that’s proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
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7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons - Met Written procedures in place for exercise / enrichment plan for dogs. Each dog gets the required 20 mins twice a dog out in the exercise field. Dogs that have special needs are taken out for gentle walks down the footpath next to the property.
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Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	12 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes – 2 x f/t carers + 2 p/t carers available
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes – 4 staff members available for 12 dogs
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	NO

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection

5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Dogs have access to fields, kennel runs and elevated sleeping area as observed at inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Monitoring records observed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	2 weeks supply of puppy food provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection

7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	There is an exercise/enrichment plan for dogs. Each dog gets the required 20 mins twice a dog out in the exercise field. Dogs that require special needs are taken out for gentle walks down our footpath next to the property.
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection

2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

HS(R)		Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed

	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed
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Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee affirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k) the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e) the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection

6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over previous years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over previous years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 Evidence from inspections over previous years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during previous years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	1 No justified complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensee has always demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensee shows a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in her care
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensee clearly understands her role and responsibilities under the legislation

Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All kennels + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas installed to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensee + family carers have the appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1 Written procedures + records seen at inspection were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensee to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Legacy Cockers
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	14/05/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	22	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☐ LOW RISK	☒ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☒ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☐ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☒ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☐ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	Little environmental enrichment currently, plans to increase exercise area to a fenced in grass field which will improve enrichment.
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place. Vaccinations not up to date, have requested proof once they have been done. Up to date flea and worming treatment.
	New dog kennels seen with access to secure shaded patio outside area. 3 individual kennels with beds for breeding bitches. 2 other beds in area for pet dogs. Various beds and crates in main house for other pet dogs. Grass area is to be turfed in the coming weeks.
	Whelping unit in office. Whelping bed and blankets seen. Underfloor heating with thermostat. Heat lamps available.
	All dogs seemed happy and healthy. Care taken to ensure 2 bitches that do not get on are kept separate.
	Whiteboard seen with individual feeding, supplement and medication plans
	Written policies and procedures seen.
	Food preparation is currently main kitchen. Food storage cupboard seen.
	Satisfactory records not currently kept. Required records asked for and produced quickly. A list of records that must be kept from now onwards and produced at the next inspection has been sent.
	Isolation is a crate in caravan which is separate from main area, with running water.
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met – 8 dogs
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification Not met
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Not met
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met. Checked in evening.
HS(R)	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Not met – no records seen
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Met - Underfloor heating in rooms. Portable fans available, and heat lamps.
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Not met. Inside and outside exercise areas available but no play equipment, raised areas, or outside beds seen.
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Met- written plan seen
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Not met- individual feeding plans seen and some dogs have feeding enrichment but not all.
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met- Included in puppy pack

HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met- written policy seen
HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Not met
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results Met - Registration certificates observed at inspection and all buyers are given information regarding the parents lineage and health tests as recorded in the puppy contracts.
HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met - Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Met – Genetic testing undertaken
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) Met
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation Met
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer Not met – No proof available.
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met- puppy contract seen during inspection
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Met
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) Met
HS(R)	10/14
HS(O)	5/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	N
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y Some records seen
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	N

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	N
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	N

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y New kennels and patio area are well maintained and safe. Raised, covered plug sockets in kennels.
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y Outside area was shaded, inside kennels clean, cool and bright.
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y

5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y Constant access to outside patio area during day
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y Multiple beds and water bowls available.
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N. Dogs left for short periods.

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	N. Dogs have access to indoor kennels and outside patio area. Outside area is bare, no grass or play equipment available.
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y. Underfloor heating in rooms. Portable fans available, and heat lamps.
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Y. Written plan seen

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y. Feeding plan on whiteboard details different amounts and types for individual dogs
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	N. No puppy weight records seen.
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y. Clean during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y. Seen during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Y. Currently using main kitchen.

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	N. Dogs fed at least twice a day. Feeding enrichment used for some dogs.
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y. Included in puppy pack

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y. Outside areas seen but bare. Toys seen.
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y. Outside patio area, plus enclosed grass field.
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Y
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	N
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y. Young puppy seen interacting with other dogs and living in main house. Whelping takes place in main house.

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Y. Written plan seen
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y. Dogs kept in groups. Note made of 2 dogs that cannot be kept together and plan in place to ensure this.
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y. Written procedures in place
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Y

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y. Crate in caravan. Photo seen.
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y. Vaccination boosters required.
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	N. Vaccinations out of date.
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y.
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	N. None seen

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Y. Details seen in kennel room. Fire extinguisher purchased.
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y. Details in kennel room
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y. In village

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	N
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y

1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Y

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y. Kennel area was sheltered.
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y. Each breeding bitch has its own closed sleeping area
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y. Outside patio area
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y. Whelping in office with whelping bed
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y. Underfloor heating. Thermostat seen.
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Y. 5 beds in kennel area. Crates and beds in house.
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Y

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y. No puppy weight records seen.
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y
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4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y. Evidence of toys and feeding enrichment seen
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y. Dogs taken to grass area
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Y. Dogs kept in groups
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Y. Dogs all friendly.
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Y
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Y. Confirmed.
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Y. Dogs checked regularly throughout the day
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Y. Birth records sent in.
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Y. Information on puppy sale contract.
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex,	Y. Birth records seen

	(c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y. Birth records seen.
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y. Seen
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y. Worm and flea treatment up to date
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	N/A

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	2 Formal inspections over the previous year reveals non-compliance issues that have required the intervention of the inspector for the licensee to address
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	2. Follow up action required.
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	2 .Repeat inspection may be necessary
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous year.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	1. No complaints received within previous year
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	2. Little environmental enrichment present.
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and	1. Secure fencing now in place to reduce hazards.

	understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1. Plans in place for ongoing maintenance to improve facilities.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1. Licensee experienced with dogs.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	2. No evidence of issues reported.
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	2. Written policies in place but unable to evidence implementation.
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	2. Historically poor record keeping, although improvements seen since last inspection, and quick to send in missing records when asked.
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	2. No training evidenced.
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			22



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Nesslands of Burwell
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	31/07/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	Licence, emergency procedures and public and employee liability certificates all displayed in office.
	Breeding block well maintained, cool, bright and quiet. Kitchen clean and organised. Detailed feeding and medication notes on whiteboard in kitchen
	All dogs appeared happy and healthy.
	Each litter has its own feeding chart and socialisation chart displayed on unit door.
	All required records kept, well detailed and sent over as requested.
	All required policies and procedures available.
	9 breeding bitches, 9 stud dogs, 16 pet dogs and adequate facilities for up to 35 puppies at any time.
	Preventative healthcare plan with . Out of hours vets is
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met- Adequate staffing levels for number of dogs
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification No
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Met- O.A.Dip.(Animal Psychology)
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met- Dogs checked in person out of hours and CCTV installed in breeding unit. Litters checked in person.
HS(R)	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Met -All checks noted down
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Met- Heatlamps and portable fans available.
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Met- Inside and outside areas available for dogs
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Met – Written noise management plan in place
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Met – Dogs fed twice a day or as required. Mix of raw food used.
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met -Included in puppy pack
HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met- Written exercise plan in place

HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Met – Licensee lives on site
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results Met – Registered with Kennel Club
HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met – Included in puppy pack
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met- confirmed
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Met – Genetic screening undertaken for breeding stock
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) Met - confirmed
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation Met- confirmed
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer Met – Vet checks carried out and record included in puppy pack
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met- Contract included in puppy pack
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Met – Licensee is microchip qualified.
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) Met - confirmed
HS(R)	14/14
HS(O)	7/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Y in office
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Y

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	N
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	Y

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y

5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N
HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Y. Inside and outside areas, plus rotation of outside play areas
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y. CCTV and in person checks
HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y. Heatlamps and portable fans
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Y. Written noise management plan in place.

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y. Raw fed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Y
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Y
HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Y
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y. Included in puppy pack

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y. Toys and play equipment seen
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y. Outside play areas used
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Y
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	N
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y
HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Y. Written exercise plan in place

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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y. Written policies in place for all
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Y
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y. Isolation kennel away from breeding block
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Y
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Y

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Y
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Y
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Y

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y. Whelping usually in house and then moved to breeding block.
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y. Heatlamps used
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Y
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y

2(13)	In this paragraph, “exercise area” means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Y
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y. Written plan in place
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs’ welfare.	Y. Dogs kept in groups
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Y
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y. All dog and puppies looked healthy
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Y
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Y. Confirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y. Licensee is a microchip qualified
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y

6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Y
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	Y. Records seen
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Y. Records seen
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a)its name, (b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Y. Records seen
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y. Records seen
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y. Seen
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y. Vaccinations records seen. Ongoing medication detailed on whiteboard in kitchen
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	Y. Boarding and daycare in separate blocks

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous year.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	1. Unannounced inspections revealed complaint unjustified and all licence conditions adhered to
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and	1

	controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1. Excellent record keeping
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Newmarket Lodge
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	7 March 2023
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	X LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	All sleeping + exercise areas meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Whelping facilities meet Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members + emergency carers for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place and observed during inspection
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	All dogs were observed in good health well groomed and extremely friendly and docile – all environmental enrichment requirements appear to be fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all dog vaccinations checked as up to date
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + lockable gates + CCTV
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by Licensees
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of into septic tank
	2 x Labrador breeding bitches + 2 x Border Terrier breeding bitches – Higher standard met for staffing levels
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs – Met 1 full-time + 1 part-time Licensees available Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met
4.00 Staffing	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
5.00 Suitable Environment	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met CCTV present in premises to monitor dogs + puppies at all times Licensees confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 + daily and nighttime check records observed at inspection Dogs live as family pets within the house and not kenneled outside during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Met Dog monitoring records inspected

	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met Observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Portable fans + heaters + heat lamps observed at inspection Licensees confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met Written feeding plan in place for dogs + puppies Feeding requirements notice observed at inspection A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met Puppy pack containing one week's supply of puppy food observed at inspection
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met Written procedures in place and provided to the LA
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met Licensees written confirmation received
B - Specific Conditions	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Met Kennel Club registrations observed at inspection
1.00 Adverts + Sales	Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
6.00	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met

Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	All age requirements + litter numbers confirmed in breeding record inspection Licensees confirmed that no breeding bitch has undergone a caesarean Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Met Genetic screening records for all dogs observed at inspection No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Met Genetic screening records for all dogs observed at inspection Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensees confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices observed at inspection + copies provided to LA A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copy of contract provided during inspection Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensees confirmed in writing that microchipping databases are amended with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensees confirmed that under Kennel Club registration policy, all Kennel Club requirements for inbreeding are adhered to
Total	Required higher standards met = 14 Required higher standards not met = 0 Optional higher standards met = 6 Optional standards not met = 2

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensees affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensees affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	4 breeding bitches
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection

5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensees affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensees affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Yes Licensees affirmed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensees affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensees affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy pack provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection

7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensees affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensees affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensees affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensees affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensees affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensees affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensees affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensees affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensees affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensees affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensees affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensees affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensees affirmed
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensees affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensees affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensees affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensees affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensees affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensees affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensees affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection

2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensees affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensees affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensees affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

HS(R)		Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensees affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensees affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensees affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensees affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensees affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensees affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensees affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensees affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensees affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensees affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by Licensees vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensees affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensees affirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensees affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensees affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k) the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e) the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensees have a rehoming programme in place

6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
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Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensees have always demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensees show a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in their care
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no	1 Licensees clearly understand their role and

	staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	responsibilities under the legislation
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All areas of the premises + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas installed to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensees have appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1 Written procedures + records seen at inspection were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensees to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



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BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	OldeEly PWD
INSPECTOR NAME	Stewart Broome
DATE OF INSPECTION	11 February 2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
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INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	All blue + half of the red Defra higher standards have been achieved
	A high standard of compliance with all Defra requirements observed during inspection
	Indoor sleeping areas + outdoor runs + whelping facilities meet all Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Licensee confirmed that written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in ventilated van
	All dogs appeared in good health + environmental enrichment requirements appear to be complied with
	Licensee confirmed that monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health is regularly undertaken
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all vaccination records provided
	Site security observed with safety fencing + CCTV + lockable gates
	Licensee confirmed in writing that a competent person is on site at all times
	Licensee confirmed that all Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information are complied with – new owners are provided with all KC registration + dog health screening information to comply with Defra higher standards
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Licensee is compliant with Defra higher standards for breeding purposes
	Trade waste – dog toilets/composter discussed with licensee
HS(R)	1 x PWD breeding bitches + 4 pet dogs Staffing comprises – 2 X P/T licensees
	All dog vaccination records + genetic screening documentation checked as up-to-date during premises inspection

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Puppy viewing area
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Yes
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Yes
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee confirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	1 breeding bitches 4 resident dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	2 P/T licensees

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Yes

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Yes
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Yes
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Yes
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Yes
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Yes
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Yes

5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Yes
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Yes
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Yes
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Yes

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Yes

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Yes
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Yes
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Yes
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Yes
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Yes
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Yes

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Yes
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Yes

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Yes
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Yes
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Yes
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Yes

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Large garden available + off premises walks
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Yes
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Yes
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Yes

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Yes
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Yes
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Used as training aids
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Yes
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Yes
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Dog toilet/composter discussed with licensee
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Yes
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Yes
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Yes
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cupboard + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Lockable cupboard
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessed
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Yes
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Yes
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Yes

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Yes
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10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Yes
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes
HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes

General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee confirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee confirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee confirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee confirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee confirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee confirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee confirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Yes
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Yes
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Yes
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Yes
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Yes
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Yes
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Yes
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Yes
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Yes
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Yes

2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Yes
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Yes
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Yes

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Yes
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Yes
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Yes
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Yes
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Yes
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Yes

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Yes
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Yes
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Yes
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Yes

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Puppy vet checks undertaken
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Yes
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Yes
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Yes

6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Yes
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Yes
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Yes
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6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e) the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Yes
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Yes
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Confirmed by Vets
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Yes
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

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INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	Paul Turner
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	
INSPECTOR NAME	Stewart Broome
DATE OF INSPECTION	4 th February 2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	21	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☐ LOW RISK	X HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☒ STANDARDS MET	☐ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☒ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☐ 3 YEARS
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INSPECTION COMMENTS

No.	Comments
	A good standard of compliance with all Defra requirements observed during inspection
	Purpose-built whelping and puppy play area. Whelping facilities meet all Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Effective noise management plan is in place with no dog facing kennels present + noise barrier fencing erected in front of outside dog runs + noise absorbent kennel insulation
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	Satisfactory transportation of animals in purpose-built crating in ventilated van
	All dogs were observed in excellent health, very well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds – all environmental enrichment requirements are being fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place with Vets – all vaccination records + parasite treatment checked as up-to-date during inspection
	High level of site security observed with fencing + lockable gates
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed in writing by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information are complied with – new owners are provided with all KC registration + dog health screening information to comply with Defra higher standards
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Excessive clutter outside of the puppy area, which poses an increased risk of harm to the mum and the one other resident dog present on the premises. Mr Turner gave an undertaking to clear the clutter in the downstairs licensed areas of the premises. An improvement notice will be issued providing 6 weeks to get this resolved.
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs – Met – 2 full-time carers available
4.00 Staffing	Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
5.00 Suitable Environment	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met Licensee lives on site and confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00

	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Met Dog monitoring records inspected The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met Observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Portable fans + heat lamps observed at inspection Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Not Met Written noise management plan not in place
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met Written feeding plan in place for dogs + puppies Kongs etc on site A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met Licensee provided suitable confirmation that this was all in hand for this his first litter
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met
B - Specific Conditions	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Met Licensee provided suitable confirmation that all puppies are to be Kennel Club registered. Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
1.00 Adverts + Sales	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older.

6.00 Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding bitch has undergone a caesarean, and he does not intend to mate any of his bitches more than 4 times. Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Not Met Genetic screening records not available at inspection No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Not Met Genetic screening records not available at inspection Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet present advised that this is in hand. A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copies of sales contracts being worked on to include all of this information. Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee will ensure that this is undertaken once the Vet implants the chip. No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that all requirements for inbreeding will be adhered to
Total	Required higher standards met = 12 Required higher standards not met = 2 Optional higher standards met = 5 Optional standards not met = 3

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	N/A
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	1 breeding bitch and one resident dog
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	2 x f/t carers available
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	No staff present

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection

5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Licensee affirmed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Yes – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Licensee affirmed puppy food provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Yes
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection, two external areas

7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensee affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Licensee affirmed
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection – use of utility room
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Yes
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Yes
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Use of fridge and cupboard
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Yes

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Yes
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes– family friend

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection

2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee affirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Licensee affirmed this will be completed
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k) the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Yes
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e) the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Yes
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee intends to have no more than 1 litter per annum

		from their family dog
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Vet on site confirmed this is in hand
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Yes
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	N/A – No licensable history – 2
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	N/A - 2
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	2 Repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous year.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	N/A - 2
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	N/A - 2
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its	1

	enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	importance not understood or really valued.	Licensee shows a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in his care
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	2
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	N/A - 2
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensee + family carers have the appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms will be in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being	1

Record keeping		manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensee to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			21

Premises Name Pony Lodge

Officer Name Jenessa Springhall

Premises Address Pony Lodge

Date of inspection 25/03/2024

Person Seen

Part A – General Conditions (Schedule 2 of the Regulations)

Condition	Guidance	Officer Notes
1.0 Licence Display 1.1 A copy of the licence must be clearly and prominently displayed on any premises used for the licensable activity.	The address of the licensed premises must be displayed on the licence. The licence must be displayed in a public-facing area of the premises such as the entrance or animal introduction area. In a home environment, the licence should be shown to any potential purchasers.	License displayed in puppy viewing reception area (<i>see photo 1</i>)
1.2 The name of the licence holder followed by the number of the licence holder's licence must be clearly and prominently displayed on any website used in respect of the licensable activity.		Website to be updated with new license number once issued.
2.0 Records 2.1 The licence holder must ensure that at any time all the records that the licence holder is required to keep as a condition of the licence are available for inspection by an inspector in a visible and legible form or, where any such records are stored in electronic form, in a form from which they can readily be produced in a visible and legible form.	Electronic records must be backed up	All records kept in folders and evidence seen of historical records kept.

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2.2 The licence holder must keep all such records for at least three years beginning with the date on which the record was created.		
3.0 Use, number and type of animal 3.1 No animals or types of animal other than those animals and types of animal specified in the licence may be used in relation to the relevant licensable activity.	This licence only applies to breeding dogs. However, if there are welfare concerns relating to any other animals then the inspector should inform either the relevant person in the local authority, the police or suitable animal welfare organisation.	Breeding of dogs only at premises
3.2 The number of animals kept for the activity at any time must not exceed the maximum that is reasonable taking into account the facilities and staffing on any premises used for the licensable activity.	The licence must clearly state the total number of dogs on the premises that are kept for licensable breeding. The total must include the number of: • breeding bitches • stud dogs • litters on site • other dogs that are not in scope including pets, retired dogs and those that are under breeding age If businesses keep more dogs for licensable breeding than the total number stated on the licence, they'd be in breach of the licence especially if they have not increased the number of staff that can care for the dogs. You should consider:	10 dogs on premises in total: 2 Female Mini Schnauzer 1 Female West Highland 1 Male Mini Schnauzer 4 Female Min dachs 1 Male Min dachs 1 Female Min Schnauzer (retired) Up to 30 puppies at any one time. No litters during inspection

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	• where a licensed premises keeps other dogs that are not used for breeding • how many staff care for both dogs used and not used for breeding (for example, pets and retired dogs) that may impact facilities and staffing Details of individual dogs should not be placed on the licence.	
4.0 Staffing 4.1 Sufficient numbers of people who are competent for the purpose must be available to provide a level of care that ensures that the welfare needs of all the animals are met.	If there's evidence that dogs' welfare is at risk, you should consider if the staffing levels are appropriate. You should take into account: • the size of the premises • the layout of the premises (including how many dogs are allowed in each separate area) • the type of dog (for example, breed, age, health status and needs) • staff qualifications and experience • advice from the local authority's vet • use of part-time or voluntary staff Each member of staff should have 20 dogs or less to care for.	2 full time, 1 part time staff Licensee F/T Licensee's husband F/T Licensee's sister P/T Sufficient levels sufficient for premises size and number of dogs.

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4.2 The licence holder or a designated manager and any staff employed to care for the animals must have competence to identify the normal behaviour of the species for which they are caring and to recognise signs of, and take appropriate measures to mitigate or prevent, pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour.	Businesses must train their staff, so they're able to carry out the following tasks: • animal welfare (including recognising poor welfare) • animal handling • animal behaviour • cleanliness and hygiene • feeding and food preparation • disease prevention and control • recognition and first aid treatment of sick or injured animals The licence holder must keep a record of their staff's training. Animals must be cared for by staff who possess the appropriate ability, knowledge and professional competence. Staff must either: • hold a formal qualification that's appropriate for the role they take, such as a Level 2 Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) regulated qualification • show they have relevant experience which is sufficient for the role they take in the licensable activity	Training policy covering all aspects of animal welfare and handling. Written policies in place to cover all requirements. CPD Level 3 animal welfare 20years experience working with dogs Qualified microchip implanter
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	If there is not an accredited training course for an activity, businesses must provide other evidence of training (such as industry generated courses). Staff who have taken an Ofqual regulated qualification must show that they have progressed with their study in a 12-month period. They must complete the qualification within 2 years.	
4.3 The licence holder must provide and ensure the implementation of a written training policy for all staff.	Businesses must review and update their training policy every year. The review should include: • an annual appraisal • planned continued professional development • recognition of any knowledge gaps This applies to all staff including the licence holder. Staff participation can be shown by: • records of the courses they are taking • records of written or online learning • keeping up to date with any research or developments for specific breeds • annual appraisal documents	Training is reviewed annually and covers induction, refresher training and individual training plans. Training records signed and stored.

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	Evidence of staff attendance or completion of the training must be provided.	
Required higher standard for staffing	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs.	Staffing levels ensure staff care for less than 10 dogs.
Optional higher standards for staffing	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification. Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had	No Ofqual regulated level 3 qualification No behavioural expert appointed
5.0 Suitable Environment 5.1 5.1 All areas, equipment and appliances that animals can access must present minimal risks of injury, illness and escape.	They must be constructed in materials that are: • robust • safe and durable • in a good state of repair • well maintained All outdoor fencing must be: • strong and rigid • of a sufficient height to stop a dog jumping over • kept in good repair • designed in a way that prevents dogs from digging and escaping underneath it	Kennels are made of wood and plastic which is robust and in good condition. Wire front of kennels has mesh size of 50mmx50mm and are in good condition. Concrete floors well maintained with no cracks. Fencing in outside exercise areas is secure, with all small gaps covered (important for the small mini dachshunds) No hazards witnessed

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	If businesses use wire mesh around the dogs, they must make sure: • the diameter of the wire is not thinner than 2 millimetres (British Standard 14 gauge welded mesh) • the square mesh size is not bigger than 50 millimetres by 50 millimetres • the chain link is not bigger than 75 millimetres by 50 millimetres • any holes, gaps or openings are small enough that a dog's head will not pass through or trap their limbs or body parts Home environment: guidance Businesses must maintain the inside and outside of their buildings to make sure they're in good condition. They must keep outside paths, gardens, exercise areas and general surroundings clean and presentable. They must also make sure there are no: • sharp edges • projections • rough edges • other hazards which present risk of injury to a dog	Door and windows secure, open inwards and are lockable Whelping unit interior floor is non-slip. Kennels open into a secure fenced exercise area. Kennels and whelping units both have headroom height of more than 2m.
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	If businesses use wood, they need to: • check it is good quality and continue maintaining it • seal or over-clad any damaged areas. • make sure exposed wood is smooth, treated and properly maintained to seal it from dirt and moisture • treat all structural wood that's outside (such as, fence posts) against wood rot - businesses should only use non-toxic products Standing water from cleaning or urine is unacceptable. Drains must remain unblocked, so liquids can run into them immediately. Drain covers in areas where dogs can go must remain safe and secure. They must be designed and located so that dogs do not get their toes or claws trapped. They must check that electrical sockets and appliances in the areas that the dogs can access are secure and are not damaged, so dogs do not catch their toes or claws on them. Businesses must make sure all inside surfaces that the dogs can access are: • cleaned regularly	
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	• kept in good order • smooth (where possible) • water and dirt proof (where possible) They must have safe floors for dogs to walk on that are not slippery. Doors and windows leading outside must be: • secure and prevent dogs from escaping • strong enough to resist impact and scratching • prevent injury (for example, from broken glass) • lockable (staff must also be able to lock all gates) Staff who provide care for the dogs must have easy access to keys and any key codes in case of an emergency. Businesses must make sure there are at least 2 secure physical barriers between a dog and any entrance or exit to avoid dogs escaping. Each room used must have a securable, full height door for access and security. Internal doors must open inwards, so staff and dogs remain safe and reduce the risk of dogs escaping.	
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If this is not feasible, businesses must have a written procedure in place to keep staff safe. Doors to rooms must remain closed at night where appropriate. Each dog room must have a secure latch or other secure closing device.

Kennel environment: guidance

Dog unit doors must open inwards to protect the health and safety of staff who are looking after the dogs. If this is not feasible, businesses must have a written procedure in place that demonstrates how they make sure staff stay safe.

Door openings must allow water and waste to pass through freely.

Staff must not leave access doors open.

The corridor must be at least 1.2 metres wide for kennels where there are facing dog units that staff access by an indoor corridor. If this is not feasible, businesses must show how they make sure staff stay safe (for example, the routes staff can follow to remove dogs from kennel units and where they can put dogs in the premises).

Kennels and runs must open on to secure areas so dogs cannot escape from the premises. Businesses must not use these spaces as exercise areas.

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	Each unit must have a minimum headroom height of 2 metres. They must allow staff to access dogs and clean all parts of the unit safely. If this is not feasible, businesses must have a written procedure in place to keep staff safe. New kennels must be built on a concrete base with a damp proof membrane.	
5.2 Animals must be kept at all times in an environment suitable to their species and condition (including health status and age) with respect to— (a) their behavioural needs, (b) its situation, space, air quality, cleanliness and temperature (c) the water quality (where relevant), (d) noise levels (e) light levels (f) ventilation.	Dogs must not be kept in areas where the temperature may cause them distress. The area where dogs sleep should be above an absolute minimum of 10°C and below a maximum of 26°C. Businesses must provide additional local heating within the whelping enclosure for the first 10 days after birth. Dogs must be checked to see if they are too hot or too cold. If an individual dog is showing signs of heat or cold intolerance steps must be taken for its welfare. A dog must be able to move away from a direct source of heat or light. Inside areas must be well ventilated to avoid excess humidity, but without creating excessive localised draughts. Heaters and electrical equipment must not be placed where they could burn, electrocute or give an electric shock to a dog or human. They must not be placed where they can start a fire. Open	Dogs monitored in extreme climatic conditions and steps taken if necessary, ie removing dogs or providing heaters or fans. Heat lamps in all sleeping areas (<i>see photo 2</i>) Heat lamps fitted in whelping units Dogs have natural light during daylight hours.

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	fires and wood burners must have protection or fire guards in place. Dogs must not be exposed to excessive noise. Dogs that may be affected by other dogs barking should stay in the quietest part of the premises. Dogs must have exposure to natural light for at least some parts of the day	
5.3 Staff must ensure that the animals are kept clean and comfortable	Each occupied kennel must be cleaned at least daily. Dogs must be removed from the area while the kennels are cleaned. Dogs should be adequately groomed and have other routine care as needed, such as being dried after being outside in wet conditions and inspected for parasites.	Written Cleaning and Disinfection Regime in place to ensure kennels cleaned daily. Policy ensures dogs are removed from area whilst cleaning is ongoing. Regular grooming is performed for welfare and enrichment reasons.
5.4 Where appropriate for the species, a toileting area and opportunities for toileting must be provided.	Dogs must have regular opportunities during the day for toileting. Each dog's individual needs should be taken into account. Kennelled dogs must either: • have direct and continuous access to a run for toileting • be taken out of the kennel unit to toilet (for example, during exercise)	All kennels have an attached run and all dogs have access to a secure exercise area (<i>see photo 2</i>)

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	In a home environment, dogs will have access to a secure outside area for toileting. Bitches must be allowed regular opportunities for toileting and exercise away from their puppies.	
5.5 Procedures must be in place to ensure accommodation and any equipment within it is cleaned as often as necessary and good hygiene standards are maintained. The accommodation must be capable of being thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.	Kennels (including outside runs), must be inspected daily and kept in a clean condition. Staff must follow the documented cleaning and disinfection procedures that are in place. Kennels must be disinfected at least once a week and when occupancy changes. Faeces must be removed from all areas at least twice a day (or more frequently if necessary). Where a pest problem is identified, a pest control programme must be implemented.	Cleaning and Disinfection Regime in place to ensure all areas of premises are kept clean. Kennels spot cleaned regularly and disinfected at least once a week and when occupancy changes. Faeces removed several times a day. Regular cleaning of exercise areas and outside runs.
5.6 The animals must be transported and handled in a manner (including for example in relation to housing, temperature, ventilation and frequency) that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease.	All animals must be transported according to the regulations laid down in current legislation. The licence holder must demonstrate that a suitable vehicle is available to transport the dogs. It does not have to be owned by the licence holder. During transport, dogs must be suitably restrained to prevent injury using a dog crate,	Written transportation policy to ensure DEFRA compliant and safe movement of dogs.

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	transport harness or dog guard. Dog crates need to be of adequate size to ensure that the dog can stand, lie down and turn around freely. Crates must be well ventilated and firmly secured. Vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected after each collection or delivery of any new dogs. Dogs must not be left in vehicles for unreasonable periods. They must never be left unattended in a car or other vehicle where the temperature may risk the comfort and safety of the animal. The driver must think about whether it's necessary to transport animals when the temperature poses a risk. Sufficient breaks must be offered for water, food and the chance to go to the toilet. If a dog needs to be transported for veterinary care, it must be transported in a way that does not cause further suffering. A vet should advise on whether a dog can be transported.	
5.7 All the animals must be easily accessible to staff and for inspection. There must be sufficient light for the staff to work effectively and observe the animals.	This must be natural light where practical, but artificial light must be available. Artificial lighting should only be used for between 10 and 12 hours per day. Lights must be turned off to provide a period of darkness overnight.	Natural light and artificial lighting available if necessary Lights turned off overnight.

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5.8 All resources must be provided in a way (for example as regards. frequency, location and access points) that minimises competitive behaviour or the dominance of individual animals.	Resources include, but are not limited to: • food • water • enrichment items • resting and sleeping areas including dog beds These items should number equal or greater than the number of dogs in any communal area. Dogs must be carefully monitored especially at feeding times. Each weaned dog must have constant access to a non-slip water bowl. Each bitch must have access to food that is not accessible to the puppies.	Feeding regime written which ensures dogs are fed separately or monitored. Insufficient beds and water bowls available for the number of dogs. One large bowl of water per kennel. 2 beds in kennels with 3 dogs.
5.9 The animals must not be left unattended in any situation or for any period likely to cause them distress.	All dogs must be observed regularly throughout the day. The licence holder or responsible person must visit the dogs at regular intervals that are either: • 3 hours or less during the working day (for example, 8am to 6pm) • as necessary for the individual health, safety and welfare of each dog	All dogs and puppies checked at least 4 times throughout the day.

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Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person. The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check. The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas.	CCTV in kennels and whelping unit. Litters checked in person at least once during the out of hours period. Daily monitoring forms to record behaviour and health Kennels have an indoor and outside area. Separate sleeping area.
Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals. Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs . Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down	Temperature and ventilation maintained by portable fans and heat lamps. Noise management plan in place.

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	kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness	
6.0 Suitable Diet 6.1 The animals must be provided with a suitable diet in terms of quality, quantity and frequency. Any new feeds must be introduced gradually to allow the animals to adjust to them.	Adult dogs must be fed at least once per day and in accordance with the individual dog's needs. Dogs must have a diet that's appropriate to their: - age - breed - activity level - stage in the breeding cycle The licence holder must keep a record of the type, quantity, frequency of food each dog receives. During pregnancy and lactation, each bitch must have sufficient appropriate food to satisfy the demands being made upon her. The licence holder must be able to show how they manage the diet of pregnant bitches and have an appropriate procedure in place for doing so. During lactation, the bitch must be closely monitored for signs of complications (such as eclampsia, mastitis). The feeding level required	Feeding regime shows dogs are fed twice a day. Feed chart available in kitchen area (<i>see photo 3</i>) Each dog has their own diet plan with amount of food. No separate feeding plan seen for pregnant and whelping bitches. Puppy weaning chart seen in whelping unit (<i>see photo 3</i>)

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	for the bitch after weaning will depend upon her body condition. Where a proprietary food source is used, the manufacturer's guide must be followed. Veterinary advice must be sought if in doubt. If there are concerns about an individual dog's diet, veterinary advice must be sought. All breeders must have a plan for weaning puppies. They must make sure that: • each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own • they provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development • each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided • initially offer food to puppies at weaning to 5 times a day The initial diet may be liquid progressing to solid food over the ensuing period. Dog breeders must provide the transitional feeding schedule showing the day by day ratio if weaning puppies on to a different food.	
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6.2 Feed and (where appropriate) water intake must be monitored, and any problems recorded and addressed.	If a dog does not eat through choice for longer than 24 hours, staff must seek veterinary advice. If there are specific concerns, veterinary advice must be sought earlier. The general condition of the dogs must be observed. A vet must assess any dog that's displaying significant weight loss or gain and treat them as necessary. Weekly records of weight and Body Condition Scoring (BCS) must be kept to ensure the health of puppies and to allow any issues to be tracked. Weight and BCS of adult dogs must be monitored to ensure they are healthy and any issues tracked. Veterinary advice must be sought if abnormal drinking patterns are observed.	Written feeding regime includes seeking vet advice if food or water intake is causing concern. Scales available if needed to monitor weight. Puppies weighed weekly and recorded (<i>see photo 4</i>)
6.3 Feed and drinking water provided to the animals must be unspoilt and free from contamination.	Food bowls should be emptied and cleaned following feeding so that food, particularly wet food, is not left out until the next feeding time. Refrigeration facilities for food storage must be provided. Food must be stored away from risk of vermin and in cool, dry places.	Dry food removed after 24hrs, wet food removed after each feeding period. Food bowls cleaned after each feed. Food stored in secure plastic containers (<i>see photo 5</i>)

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6.4 Feed and drinking receptacles must be capable of being cleaned and disinfected, or disposable.	Receptacles must be non-porous. Receptacles must be cleaned daily and disinfected at least once a week. If damaged, they must be disposed of or fixed.	Feed and drinking receptacles are non-porous, cleaned and disinfected daily and between dogs (<i>see photo 6</i>) Damaged food bowls disposed of.
6.5 Constant access to fresh, clean drinking water must be provided in a suitable receptacle for the species that requires it.	Fresh clean drinking water must be provided daily in a clean container and changed or refreshed as often as necessary. There must be multiple water bowls provided, so that all dogs have access to water.	
6.6 Where feed is prepared on the premises, there must be hygienic facilities for its preparation, including a working surface, hot and cold running water and storage.	Staff must have access to a separate hand wash basin that has an adequate supply of hot and cold water, so they can wash their hands. The basin must be connected to a suitable drainage system. Soap and hygienic hand drying facilities must be available. The food preparation area must be kept clean and vermin free at all times. Receptacles for a dog's food and drink must not be used for any other purposes.	Sink with hot and cold water, soap and drying facilities available in isolation and whelping facilities. Kitchen was clean during inspection
Required higher standards for diet	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with	Dogs fed twice a day as per Feeding Regime.

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	food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog. A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home.	Individual feeding plans seen for each dog, but no feeding enrichment used. One bag of puppy food given to new owners.
7.0 Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals 7.1 Active and effective environmental enrichment must be provided to the animals in inside and any outside environments.	A facility must create a written programme that shows how they provide an enriching environment both inside and outside. The enrichment programme must include: • grooming • socialisation • play All dogs must receive appropriate toys and feeding enrichment unless a vet advises otherwise. Items must be checked daily to ensure they stay safe and must not be left with dogs when staff are not on the premises. Competition between dogs must be avoided.	Enrichment policy is in place setting out programme for mental and physical enrichment, such as toys, chews, play, grooming and socialisation. However no signs of this were evident during inspection. No toys or feeding enrichment could be produced when asked.

7.2 For species whose welfare depends partly on exercise, opportunities to exercise which benefit the animals' physical and mental health must be provided, unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Opportunities to exercise must involve at least one walk per day or access to a secure open space. Consideration must be given when planning daily exercise to: • life stage • physical and mental health • breed when planning daily exercise A dog walker may walk no more than 6 dogs at the same time. The owner must consent to their dog being walked with others. Dogs must be familiarised with each other beforehand. Dogs that cannot be exercised must be given other forms of mental stimulation. Dogs must be monitored whilst in outdoor exercise areas. The outdoor area must be cleared of all hazards after each use. Faeces must be picked up between dogs using an area. Where artificial turf is used, it must be kept in good repair and a dog must not be able to eat it. Dogs must not be able to get to the bins. The outdoor or garden area of the facility and any	Dogs have walks and outside exercise and play sessions approximately 6 times a day. All session monitored. Mental stimulation options detailed in enrichment plan. Outside areas checked and cleared of hazards or faeces. Dogs kept in safe areas without bins, ponds, pools or anything that could be a hazard. Puppy plan in place detailing frequent handling, socialisation, and play. Outside exercise areas were bare concrete, no grass areas evident for use by dogs.
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	other areas that the dogs can access must be secure and safe. Dogs must not have unsupervised access to ponds, pools, wells and any other features that might pose a risk. Puppies cannot be walked so will require at least 4 opportunities to engage in play and human interaction during the day.	
7.3 The animals' behaviour and any changes of behaviour must be monitored. Advice must be sought, as appropriate and without delay, from a veterinarian or, in the case of fish, any person competent to give such advice if adverse or abnormal behaviour is detected.	All staff must be able to spot unusual behaviour, and in particular dogs that are anxious or fearful about contact. The behaviour of each dog must be monitored every day. Changes of behaviour must be recorded and the owner must be told if there are signs of: • suffering • stress • fear • aggression • anxiety Records of these assessments must be kept. Advice must be available from a suitably qualified clinical animal behaviourist when it's necessary.	Daily monitoring forms used to record behaviour and health of dogs. Any changes noted and reviewed. Dogs can be separated and moved to different areas or paired with other dogs for companionship.

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	If a dog is showing signs of nerves, stress or fear, or is likely to, they should be taken somewhere suitable within the facility. The staff should pay particular attention to dogs that are: • elderly • nervous • on medication Where a dog shows signs of being nervous, stressed or fearful, steps must be taken to address this.	
7.4 Where used, training methods or equipment must not cause pain, suffering or injury.	Training must be reward based – rewarding good behaviour and ignoring unwanted behaviour.	All training is reward based.
7.5 All immature animals must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to— (a) learn how to interact with people, their own species and other animals where such interaction benefits their welfare, and (b) become habituated to noises, objects and activities in their environment.	From 3 weeks old, puppies must be habituated to events they are likely to encounter throughout their adult lives. This must include the sights and sounds in households (such as appliances) and differing surfaces to walk on. Introduction to novel sights and sounds must be gradual, so that puppies do not show a fearful response such as startling or withdrawal. Puppies must also be introduced to a variety of people. Beneficial and positive contact can include grooming, exercise, play, petting and training as appropriate for the individual.	Puppy plan details daily interaction with people, sights, sounds etc for habituation and socialisation. Puppies handled by male and female staff, and supervised with children.

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Required higher standard for providing a suitable environment for dogs	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons.	Written policy confirms a minimum of 2 walks and exercise in outside area per day of at least 20mins. Alternative stimulation offered if necessary.
8.0 Animal Handling and Interactions 8.1 All people responsible for the care of the animals must be competent in the appropriate handling of each animal to protect it from pain, suffering, injury or disease.	Dogs must always be handled humanely and in a way that is suitable for their individual needs. This is to minimise fear, stress, pain or distress. Dogs must never be punished so that they are frightened or behave badly. Anyone caring for the dogs must be competent to handle dogs correctly. They must be able to recognise and act upon undesirable behaviours. A protocol must be in place for dealing with difficult dogs. This needs to include members of staff trained in dog handling and the use of appropriate equipment. There must be a range of muzzles of varying sizes and a suitable dog catching device kept on site at all times.	Staff are trained in ways to safely and humanely handle dogs and puppies. Extra training for handling difficult dogs.
8.2 The animals must be kept separately or in suitable compatible social groups appropriate to the species and individual animals. No animals from a social species may be isolated or separated from others of their species for any longer than is necessary.	Dogs must be held in socially harmonious groups with a minimum of 2 (a pair) after pre-screening has been carried out to ensure no aggressive behaviour is shown. Dogs that show significant signs of fear, anxiety or aggression associated with contact with other	Dogs are kept in groups or pairs and are exercised and play together outside. New dogs are monitored when introduced to group.

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	dogs may be better housed and exercised separately, as long as they are provided with sufficient human contact. They must not be used for breeding. When dogs are kept separately, the reasons must be recorded in writing. A policy must be in place for monitoring the introduction of new dogs to other dogs in either domestic or kennel environments. This is to avoid stress to either the new or resident animals. Dogs must not be muzzled to facilitate group or pair housing.	Dogs only muzzled in emergency situations.
8.3 The animals must have at least daily opportunities to interact with people where such interaction benefits their welfare.	Dogs must interact with humans every day in a way that's of benefit to the individual dog. Puppies must be visited at frequent intervals as they need to be socialised. This must be a minimum of 4 times per day with 20 minutes of interaction per litter. Animals should be encouraged, but never be forced to interact with people.	Dogs interacted with multiple times a day through exercise, play and grooming. Puppies visited at least 4 times a day. No dogs are forced to interact with people. If a dog does not want to play, be groomed or cuddle then this will be recorded and reviewed to ensure the dogs health and welfare are not compromised.
9.0 Protection from Pain, Suffering, Injury and Disease 9.1 Written procedures must— (a) be in place and implemented covering—	These procedures must show how the licence holder will meet these conditions	Written procedures in place including: Feeding regime, individual diet plans and a puppy weaning plan

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(i) feeding regimes, (ii) cleaning regimes, (iii) transportation(iv) the prevention of, and control of the spread of, disease, (v) monitoring and ensuring the health and welfare of all the animals, vi) the death or escape of an animal (including the storage of dead animals); (b) be in place covering the care of the animals following the suspension or revocation of the licence or during and following an emergency.		Cleaning and disinfecting routine Transportation policy Controlling disease policy Monitoring health and welfare policy, and health and behaviour forms Death of animal policy Escape of animal policy Emergency plan Enrichment policy Isolation policy
9.2 All people responsible for the care of the animals must be made fully aware of these procedures.		All staff aware of the policies and where they are kept.
9.3 Appropriate isolation, in separate self-contained facilities, must be available for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals.	There must be facilities to isolate of animals that are: • sick • injured • infectious • reasonably expected to be carrying serious infectious diseases In a kennel environment, there must be isolation facilities for dogs with infectious diseases. In a domestic environment, it must be demonstrated as to how a dog can be kept an	Isolation is a crate in a separate outhouse, with hardwood floor for easy cleaning Portable handwash basin and cleaning supplies kept in isolation unit. <i>(see photo 7)</i>

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	appropriate distance from any litters of puppies or places where the litters go for 14 days. If the isolation facility is at another location, such as a local veterinary practice, the licence holder must be able to show evidence that the location is prepared to provide such facilities (for example, a letter from the practice). All staff must understand the procedures to prevent the spread of infectious disease between any infected animals and the other dogs. If infectious disease is present on the whole premises: • the facility must use barrier nursing procedures, and people trained in these • staff should wear protective clothing and footwear (where applicable) and change these between enclosures • equipment must be stored separately • waste must be segregated Dogs showing signs of infectious disease must not be allowed in any shared outside exercise area. Protective clothing and footwear must be worn when handling dogs in the isolation facility, and sanitation protocols adhered to. Separate feeding and water bowls, bedding and cleaning utensils	
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	must be stored in the isolation unit ready for immediate use. Staff must check on dogs in isolation at least as often as other dogs. Unless a separate person is looking after them, dogs in isolation must be checked after all other dogs.	
9.4 All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites.	An up-to-date veterinary vaccination record must be seen to show that dogs have current vaccinations against: • canine parvovirus • canine distemper • canine adenovirus • infectious canine hepatitis • leptospirosis • other relevant diseases Vaccination against other diseases such as kennel cough (bordetella bronchiseptica or canine parainfluenza virus) may be required. A vet certificate of a recent protective titre test may be accepted instead of a booster vaccination. The certificate must state that it is valid for the current period. It is up to the licence holder to decide whether to have dogs vaccinated or titre tested.	Vaccination records checked for all dogs on premises. Regular flea and worming treatment carried out. Puppies undergo first vaccination with vet and full details provided in puppy packs.

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	Vaccines used must be licensed for use in the UK. Homoeopathic vaccination is not acceptable. If there's evidence of external parasites, the dog must be treated with a product authorised by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) and licensed to be used in the UK. These parasites could be: • fleas • ticks • lice Treatment must be discussed with a vet before administration.	
9.5 All excreta and soiled bedding for disposal must be stored and disposed of in a hygienic manner and in accordance with any relevant legislation.	Dog waste and soiled bedding must be put in a clearly marked bin. This must be emptied either daily or when full, whichever is sooner. Dog waste must be removed in accordance with the documented cleaning and disinfection procedure. All dog waste must be stored away from areas where animals or food are kept..	Septic tank used for waste removal. All dog waste stored securely until disposed off.
9.6 Sick or injured animals must receive prompt attention from a veterinarian or, in the case of fish, an appropriately competent person and the advice of that veterinarian or, in the case of fish, that competent person must be followed.	If the facility's trained first aider suspects that a dog is ill or injured, a vet must be contacted immediately. Any instructions for treatment must be recorded. If there is an ongoing concern, the facility must seek veterinary advice.	All staff familiar with signs of pain or stress in animals and carry out regular observation to ensure prompt attention is undertaken if needed. All injuries or illness recorded

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9.7 Where necessary, animals must receive preventative treatment by an appropriately competent person.	Only a vet or registered veterinary nurse under the direction of a vet can administer vaccinations. Routine and documented treatment must be in place for internal and external parasites (adult dogs and puppies must be wormed and given flea and tick treatment as appropriate). All animals must receive appropriate vaccination, in accordance with their preventative health care plan as advised by the appointed vet. Veterinary advice must be sought whenever necessary. Vaccination courses must begin at the correct age.	Vaccinations and flea/worming treatment provided by a vet.
9.8 The licence holder must register with a veterinarian with an appropriate level of experience in the health and welfare requirements of any animals specified in the licence and the contact details of that veterinarian must be readily available to all staff on the premises used for the licensable activity.	The vet must be in a reasonable travel distance from the premises. The vet's details must be displayed where they can be easily seen by all staff members. This must include: • name • address • telephone number • out of hours telephone number	Vet is within reasonable travel distance. Vet details displayed in puppy reception area (<i>see photo 1</i>)
9.9 Prescribed medicines must be stored safely and securely to safeguard against unauthorised access, at the correct temperature, and used in	All courses must be completed as per the advice given by the vet.	Medication stored in cupboard in whelping unit No fridge available

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accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian.	A fridge must be available to store veterinary medicines which need to be kept at low temperatures.	
9.10 Medicines other than prescribed medicines must be stored, used and disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer or veterinarian.		All medicines stored, used and disposed off in accordance with instructions
9.11 Cleaning products must be suitable, safe and effective against pathogens that pose a risk to the animals. They must be used, stored and disposed of in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and used in a way which prevents distress or suffering of the animals.	Cleaning and disinfection products must be used as per the manufacturer's instructions. Disinfectant products must kill viruses as well as bacteria. Those using cleaning products must be competent in the safe use of detergents and fluids. Cleaning products must be kept entirely out of the reach of animals. Any equipment that has been used on an infectious or suspected infectious animal must be cleaned and disinfected after use or disposed of. Standing water must not be allowed to accumulate. This is to avoid pathogens that live in moist environments. Grooming equipment must be kept clean and in a good state of repair.	Cleaning products safe for use around animals (<i>see photo 8</i>) Stored securely in kitchen away from dogs. No standing water witnessed.
9.12 No person may euthanase an animal except a veterinarian or a person who has been authorised by a veterinarian as competent for such purpose or	Only a vet may euthanise a dog. The licence holder must be able to demonstrate which veterinary practice is to be called. They	Confirmed only a vet will euthanise a dog. Records kept.

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—(a) in the case of fish, a person who is competent for such purpose; (b) in the case of horses, a person who is competent, and who holds a licence or certificate, for such purpose. (c) a person who has been authorised by a veterinarian as competent for such purpose	must keep a record of all euthanasia and the identity of the qualified vet that carried it out.	
9.13 All animals must be checked at least once daily or more regularly as necessary to check for any signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour. Vulnerable animals must be checked more frequently.		
9.14 Any signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour must be recorded and the advice and further advice (if necessary) of a veterinarian (or in the case of fish, of an appropriately competent person) must be sought and followed.	Businesses must record all observations. Records and any checklists must be made available to inspectors. Presence or absence of faeces and urine must be monitored daily. Anything unusual must be recorded and acted upon.	All dogs checked multiple times throughout the day, observations recorded and acted on if necessary. Behaviour and toileting recorded (<i>see photo 9</i>)
10.0 Emergencies 10.1 A written emergency plan, acceptable to the local authority, must be in place, known and available to all the people on the premises used for the licensable activity, and followed where necessary to ensure appropriate steps are taken to protect all the people and animals on the premises in case of fire or in case of breakdowns for essential heating, ventilation and aeration or filtration systems or other emergencies.	Entrances and fire exits must be clear of obstructions at all times. Suitable firefighting, prevention and detection equipment must be provided and maintained in good working order. All buildings must have at least one working smoke detector (or other suitable fire detection system) installed in a suitable location on each separate level or floor of the property. There must be at least one carbon monoxide detector.	Written emergency plan in place. Fire alarm in whelping unit, hose and firefighting equipment located outside and fire extinguishers located around premises (<i>see photo 10</i>) Fire evacuation plan in place with annual training. Fire aid kit on premises (<i>see photo 11</i>)

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	An emergency drill programme must be in place with annual testing, or as determined by fire risk assessments. All new members of staff must have an emergency drill as part of their induction programme. A first aid kit suitable for treatment of dogs must be kept on site. There must be a plan to house the dogs should the premises become uninhabitable. There must be a written policy in place for dealing with emergencies, including extremes of hot and cold temperatures and abnormal weather conditions. All electrical installations must be installed by a qualified person and maintained in a safe condition. They should be placed where they do not present a risk. All equipment must be maintained, kept in good repair and serviced according to manufacturer's guidelines. There must be an effective contingency plan for: • essential heating • ventilation • aeration and filtration systems	Tethering rings located around premises for use in an emergency (<i>see photo 12</i>)
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10.2 The plan must include details of the emergency measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals should the premises become uninhabitable and an emergency telephone list that includes the fire service and police.		Written emergency plan details evacuation of dogs, and emergency contacts and a copy is located in puppy reception area (<i>see photo 1</i>)
10.3 External doors and gates must be lockable.		All external doors and gate lockable.
10.4 A designated key holder with access to all animal areas must at all times be within reasonable travel distance of the premises and available to attend in an emergency.	A reasonable distance would in normal conditions, be no more than 30 minutes travelling time. In a non-domestic setting, an emergency contact name and contact number must be displayed on the outside of the premises.	Licensee lives on site, emergency key holder lives next door.
Optional higher standard for emergencies	A competent person must be on site at all times.	Staff member on site at all times.

Part B – Specific conditions: (Schedule 6, of the Regulations)

1.0 Advertisements and sales 1.1 The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog— (a) which was not bred by the licence holder; (b) except from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence; (c) otherwise than to— (i) a person who holds a licence for the activity described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1; or (ii) a keeper of a pet shop in Wales who is licensed under regulations 2 and 4 of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving	The complete sales route from birth to sale must be clear. The inspector must see how and where puppies are bred, born, reared and kept until sale. The inspector must also see what potential buyers are shown including the details of mating. To demonstrate breeding, the licence holder's involvement in the complete reproductive route from conception and gestation to birth must be evident. The inspector must see details of the	Clear and complete birth to sale route, with information on where the puppies are bred, born, raised and sold. Supporting evidence such as vet health checks, photographs, microchips, puppy weights show that the puppies were cared for on the premises. Both parents would be seen by potential buyers.
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Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021, knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person	matings and both parents, including where this may have occurred on other premises. Licence holders may provide other supporting evidence such as, photographs, microchip and veterinary records to show that they housed and cared for the animal and its mother for the first 8 weeks of its life. There must not be more litters than the number of breeding bitches referenced in the licence for that premises at any one time.	
1.2 Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must— (a) include the number of the licence holder’s licence, (b) specify the local authority that issued the licence, (c) include a recognisable photograph of the dog being advertised, and (d) display the age of the dog being advertised.		All puppy sales include license number, local authority, photographs and ages of dogs.
1.3 The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.		Puppy packs include suitable equipment/accessories including food and a blanket (<i>see photo 13</i>)
1.4 The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.		Puppy pack includes documents with all required details and vet health check letter (<i>see photo 14</i>)
1.5 No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother	Dogs must remain with their mother for the first 8 weeks of life unless the mother dies or there is a health risk to the puppy or its littermates or the mother from remaining with her. Where necessary,	All requirements adhered to.

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	a vet may certify that it is in the best interests of the animal to be removed earlier.	
1.6 A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Puppies must be seen interacting with the mother and any siblings.	Puppies are seen in whelping unit with mother and siblings
1.7 Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	In the event of the mother's death before the puppy is sold, or if her health or that of the puppy would be compromised by interacting with each other, this must be documented in the records and explained to the buyer. Buyers must be able to access the environment in which the mother and her puppies are kept.	If this is required, then potential buyers will be made aware of all details.
Required higher standards for advertisements and sales	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results.	All breeding stock and puppies registered with Kennel Club. All breeding stock health screened with certificates seen for MAC, CHC and PRA testing (<i>see photo 15</i>)
Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests	All information, health certificates, KC registration and history for sire and dam provided to buyer.

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2.0 Suitable Environment 2.1 Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Dogs kept in domestic premises must have free access to more than one room. Dogs must have access to an outside exercise area. Dogs kept in a kennel environment will have an adjoining run or secure outside space.	All kennels have attached run. Outside exercise areas available.																					
2.2 Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to— (a) stand on its hind legs, (b) lie down fully stretched out, (c) wag its tail, (d) walk, and (e) turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area	Minimum kennel sizes must be increased depending on the size and number of dogs. The minimum area is per non-whelping adult dog with each additional dog requiring additional space per animal. Minimum kennel sizes <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dog weight (kg)</th> <th>Minimum kennel area (m²)</th> <th>Additional area per additional dog (m²)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Less than 5</td> <td>4.0</td> <td>0.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 to 10</td> <td>4.0</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1 to 15</td> <td>4.0</td> <td>1.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15.1 to 20</td> <td>4.0</td> <td>2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20.1 to 30</td> <td>8.0</td> <td>4.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 30</td> <td>These sizes must be scaled up accordingly and must be proportionate</td> <td>These sizes must be scaled up accordingly and must be proportionate</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Bitches with litters must be provided with double this space allowance.	Dog weight (kg)	Minimum kennel area (m ²)	Additional area per additional dog (m ²)	Less than 5	4.0	0.5	5 to 10	4.0	1.0	10.1 to 15	4.0	1.5	15.1 to 20	4.0	2.0	20.1 to 30	8.0	4.0	Over 30	These sizes must be scaled up accordingly and must be proportionate	These sizes must be scaled up accordingly and must be proportionate	Largest kennel measured at 4.55m long, 2.5m wide. Other kennels smaller. Most kennels have 2 dogs per unit, one had 3 mini dachshunds. The new whelping units are smaller than the main kennels and much smaller than the requirement for double the space allowance. Not much room for bitch or puppies to move away from each other.
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	Puppies must be housed in litter groups, but must be able to move away from litter mates if they wish to.	
2.3 The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.		Separate sleeping area available.
2.4 Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Dogs must have constant access to shade and shelter, so they can avoid extremes of weather.	Exercise runs have a roof to provide shade.
2.5 There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	In a kennel environment, the whelping bed must be raised off the floor and with sides high enough to prevent newborn puppies from falling out. The bed must contain sufficient bedding, so the bitch has a soft surface that absorbs any liquids from whelping. The bed must be constructed of easily cleanable and waterproof material. It must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between litters. Bitches must be moved to their whelping housing 60 days after mating or sooner if signs of imminent whelping are shown. There must be access to the whelping area without disturbing other dogs. Where a bitch is whelped in a domestic environment, it is acceptable for a temporary disposable covering to be used.	Separate whelping that can be split into 3 individual kennels. No whelping beds seen during inspection as they are disposed of after each use, and premises not expecting any litters. Confirmation seen of use of cardboard disposable whelping box with vet bedding. Bitches moved to whelping area before 60 days after mating.
2.6 Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (between and	The temperature must be carefully monitored.	Heat lamps seen in whelping unit, and window for ventilation.

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including 26 and 28 degrees centigrade) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.		
2.7 Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.		All dogs have access to sleeping area in the runs.
2.8 A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Each dog must have a clean dry bed and bedding material. Any bedding material used must be: • non-toxic • absorbent • non-allergenic • padded so as not to cause injury Bedding material must be cleaned or disposed of in accordance with the documented cleaning and disinfection procedure. The bed must be: • easy to clean and disinfect • away from draughts • free from hazards Bedding material must be non-irritant and dry, and used in sufficient amounts to provide the necessary comfort and warmth. Examples of suitable bedding material include blankets or quilted dog bedding.	Separate plastic beds available for each dog, with clean vet bedding and blankets (<i>see photo 2</i>)

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	A dog must not be left without bedding. Soft bedding materials must be provided and adapted if necessary for old, young or infirm dogs to help regulate their body temperature.	
2.9 No puppy aged under eight weeks may be transported without its biological mother except— (a) if a vet agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be so transported (b) in an emergency		No puppies transported without mother. Vet visits premises unless in an emergency.
2.10 No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Breeders must make reasonable effort for the vet to visit the premises rather than transport the bitch.	Vet usually visits premises to see dogs anyway.
2.11 No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Breeders must make reasonable effort for the vet to visit the premises rather than transport the bitch.	Vet usually visits premises to see dogs anyway.
2.12 Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.		Sleeping areas were clean on inspection, comfortable and warm.
2.13 In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.		Separate concrete areas with secure fencing used for play and exercise.
3.0 Suitable Diet 3.1 Staff must – (a) ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own (b) provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs		Puppy feeding plan records kept to ensure suitable weaning. Feeding plan for breeding bitches in place.

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(c) provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development (d) ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided		
4.0 Monitoring of behaviour and training 4.1 The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	The facility must have in place an adequate programme to socialise puppies and prepare them for life in the environment they will live in. Procedures must be available so that all staff know how to appropriately socialise puppies. If bitches are anxious or aggressive when their puppies are approached, this programme must be gradual. Puppies must be handled regularly from shortly after birth for short periods (for example, gently picking up and examining) to make sure they: • get used to human contact • can be examined for signs of disease • are feeding properly Toilet training of puppies must be started before sale. Harsh handling or potentially painful or frightening equipment must not be used.	Puppy plan details socialisation programme, including regular handling, exposure to household noise, and toilet training.

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4.2 Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Food provision can be used to enhance enrichment (for example, through the use of devices that increase the time and effort taken to access food). These could be puzzle feeders, activity balls or stuffed rubber toys as examples. Where dogs are kept in pairs or larger groups, more devices must be available than the number of dogs. Their use must be supervised carefully to identify where any undesirable behaviour occurs. Dogs that show undesirable behaviour when feeding (or when provided with food based enrichment) must be separated from other dogs prior to the next feed.	Enrichment programmes details use of a wide variety of toys and balls. No enrichment items seen during inspection. Dogs are continually monitored to identify adverse behaviour and separation undertaken if required.
4.3 Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	There needs to be various options for exercise (such as, a secure exercise space or on-lead walk). Pregnant and lactating bitches will require frequent opportunities to toilet with short gentle exercise. Consideration must be given to bitches who have given birth in the last 48 hours, so they can have access to short toilet breaks.	Dogs regularly taken to outside exercise areas for play, or taken on walks. Whelping area has access to private secure outside area
4.4 Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Walks must be replaced with 2 extra periods of human interaction during the day using grooming or toys or play. Toys will ideally be on a rotation so that:	Dog enrichment plan provides for other mental stimulation for dogs unable to exercise .

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	• their preferences for different toys can be established • stress is minimised	
4.5 Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	All toys must be inspected and cleaned in between each usage. Damaged toys must be disposed of. Any equipment used to walk a dog must protect its welfare and must be correctly fitted and used.	All dogs checked and cleaned before use. Slip leads in good condition.
5.0 Housing with or apart from other dogs 5.1 Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Dogs must not be kept separate from other dogs where possible. Mothers and puppies must be kept together in a kennel area of sufficient size for their sole occupancy, with a divider that allows the mother space away from the puppies. Facilities must be available to securely separate male dogs from bitches in season to avoid frustration.	Dogs are kept in pairs or groups of 3. Whelping area does not allow mother space away from the puppies. Whelping block and outside area for sole use of mothers and puppies.
5.2 Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.		All dogs handled by people daily, but never forced to interact.
5.3 Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	These procedures will include people competent in understanding and handling difficult dogs and the use of appropriate equipment. Professional advice must be sought as necessary and any advice applied.	All staff trained to handle difficult dogs. All dogs on premises were friendly during inspection.
5.4 There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and	The design and layout of kennels must allow dogs to control how often they can see their surroundings and dogs in other kennels (and be	Sleeping area of each run is enclosed with small gap at bottom to allow them to hide if wanted.

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other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose.	seen). It must also minimise the number of dogs that staff disturb when removing any individual dog and make sure staff remain safe when passing other dogs. There must be a place where a dog can hide to avoid seeing other dogs (and being seen by other dogs). Dogs can hide in: • blankets • crates • beds with high sides or screens	
6.0 Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease 6.1 All dogs for sale must be in good health.		All puppies health checked. All adult dogs seen in good health during inspection.
6.2 Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.		Separate kennel away from main block, and isolation facility, available if this is needed.
6.3 The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period	Mating must not begin until the appropriate time after the previous mating.	All requirements adhered to.

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(c) gives birth to more than 6 litters of puppies in total (d) is mated if she has had 2 litters delivered by caesarean section	Breeders must not permit mating of any bitch beyond her sixth litter.	
6.4 The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	The animal must be microchipped in accordance with the current legislation. The breeder must be registered as the first keeper.	Licensee is a qualified microchip implanter and microchips all puppies herself.
6.5 No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licence holders must take all reasonable steps to check that the dogs: • have good physical health • have good genetic health • have a good temperament • can see • breathe normally • are physically fit • can exercise freely Licence holders must be aware of any health risks that may be specific to that type or breed. Where appropriate, veterinary advice on the suitability of an animal for breeding must be sought. Dogs that have required surgery to rectify an exaggerated conformation that has caused adverse welfare, or requires lifelong medication, must not be bred from.	All dogs health tested. All dogs physically healthy and of good temperament. No dogs on premises have any cause for concern. No dogs required surgery No bitches required caesareans.

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	Bitches that have had 2 litters delivered by caesarean section must not be bred from. The prospective purchaser must be provided with written guidance on any relevant conformation issues, including how to manage them in the relevant literature handed over with each sale. Temperament can be an inherited trait and must be taken into consideration when selecting breeding stock. Licence holders must not breed from stock which shows fear or aggression.	
6.6 The health, safety and welfare of each dog must be checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime.	All dogs must be observed regularly throughout the day. The licence holder or responsible person must visit the dogs at regular intervals of no more than 4 hours apart during the day (for example, starting at 8am until 6pm), or as necessary for the individual health, safety and welfare of each dog.	All dogs checked regularly throughout the day in person and via CCTV, more often than every 4 hours.
6.7 Breeding bitches must be adequately supervised during whelping and the licence holder must keep a record of—(a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events.	Puppies must be checked for birth defects and medical conditions. The buyer must be aware of any defects and conditions.	During whelping, staff are present nearly all the time. Historical puppy birth records seen (<i>see photo 16</i>)
6.8 The licence holder must keep a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date.		Records kept of each sale.
6.9 The licence holder must keep a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog—		All records kept in accordance with these requirements.

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(a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k) the date and cause of its death (where applicable).		
6.10 In addition to the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (7), the licence holder must keep a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e) the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any		All records kept in accordance with these requirements.
6.11 Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Breeders have a responsibility to care for their animals and must be able to document how puppies that do not sell, or bitches and dogs that are no longer able to breed, are cared for or rehomed. If any animal is deemed unsuitable for breeding, and the owner of the animal is unwilling or unable	Retired dogs either rehomed, or kept onsite as a pet.

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	to keep it as a domestic pet, they must be rehomed to an appropriate environment. The decision to proceed with euthanasia must only be taken for health or behaviour reasons. Only someone suitably medically and behaviourally qualified (such as, their vet) can make that decision.	
6.12 A preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2 must be implemented.	The facility's appointed vet must be consulted and a written health plan provided. This must include: • vaccination • internal and external parasite control • monitoring of weight • body condition score	Healthcare plan in place with vet, including vaccinations, flea and worming treatment and health checks. Confirmation letter provided.
6.13 The licence holder must keep a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog.		Flea and worming treatment records kept. All medications given to dogs recorded.
6.14 Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where the activity of breeding dogs takes place.	Other activities involving animals must be undertaken in a separate building.	No other activities taking place on premises.
Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older.	All bitches at least 18month before mating All breeding bitches less than 8 years No bitches has more than 4 litters

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	A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean. Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding. No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both). Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation. A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer. A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog.	No bitches bred from if they have had a caesarean previously. Health screening carried out for all dogs including MAC, CHC and PRA testing. All breeding stock have clear health checks. All puppies are checked by a vet and confirmation of a clear health check is provided in the puppy pack. Puppy pack includes a contract.
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	This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith.	
Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details. No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree).	Licensee amends microchip database to update details No inbreeding between mated dogs.



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BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Red Acre Kennels Ltd
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	04/06/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	16	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

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No.	Comments
	Premises clean, safe and secure, well lit, ventilated, quiet and of good temperatures Dogs calm and happy and appeared healthy.
	Whelping unit quiet and clean. 4 litters of puppies seen with mums. Thermometer on wall. Under floor heating and heat lamps. Mixed litter of puppies seen in outside play pen with toys and agility equipment.
	Isolation unit in separate room, with own cleaning materials and protective equipment
	Kitchen clean and organised. Secure food storage in plastic containers. Whiteboard detailing individual dogs feeding needs. Metal bowls and feeding enrichment seen.
	Fire equipment, 1 st aid kit and lockable medicine cabinet seen
	All required records kept. Example sent through and checked during inspection
	All vaccinations up to date. Requested new preventative healthcare plan with vets.
	Increased number of dogs from previous licence.
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met. 5 members of staff.
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification Met
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Not Met
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met – Multiple checks including in person and CCTV monitoring.
HS(R)	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Met
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Met - Under floor heating, window ventilation, fans etc
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Met
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Met- Seen.
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Met. Feeding enrichment devices seen
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met- Included in puppy pack
HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met

HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Met
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results Met
HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met – Seen in puppy packs
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Met- All testing carried out
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) Met
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation Met
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer Met- Vet check included in puppy pack and seen during inspection
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met – Puppy pack seen including contract, details on puppies.
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Met- Link sent to new owners
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) Met
HS(R)	14/14
HS(O)	7/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Y
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Y
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y. Seen
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Y. Seen

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	Y
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y. All areas safe and secure
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y

5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N
HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Y
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y. Multiple checks in person and on CCTV
HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y. Under floor heating, heat lamps, windows, air con available.
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Y. Ex seen such as opaque window coverings.

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Y
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y. Fresh water seen during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y. Fresh water seen during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Y. Clean kitchen seen
HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Y
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y. Included in puppy pack

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y. Toys seen. Grooming witnessed
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y. Secure outside area
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian?	Y
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	N
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y. Older puppy litter seen in outside pen

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Y
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y. Mixed kennels
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y. Multiple times a day

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y. Seen
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Y
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y. Isolation unit seen
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y. Strict hygiene control. Licensee asked me to wash hands when moving between units
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y.
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Y. Vaccinations up to date. Worm and flea med given
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y. Trio vet
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y. Medicine cabinet seen
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y. Seen during inspection
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Y

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in place in place and known/available to all staff?	Y. Seen during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y.

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Y
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y. Shown in office with mother in kennel outside
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y. Underfloor heating in sleeping area
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	N

2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y. Seen during inspection
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y. Seen
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Y. Mixed kennels
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Y
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y. All dogs seemed happy and healthy
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Y
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period;	Y

	(c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y. Licensee microchips puppies
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Y
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	Y. Birth records seen
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Y. Puppy sales records seen
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a)its name, (b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Y. Records seen
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y. Health records seen
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y. Rehome policy
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y. Asked for an up to date copy.
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	N/A

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous year reveals consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous year reveals some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	2. Formal warning issued for breach of licence conditions
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous year.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous year.	2. Few complaints received and discussed with licensee. Formal warning issued for breach of licence conditions
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1. Licensee willing to engage with any feedback.
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and	1

	controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1. Sufficient staffing for number of dogs.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1. Written policies on all required subjects
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Staff training and annual appraisal seen
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1. Excellent record keeping
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Staff training and annual appraisal seen
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			16



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Rose Meadow
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	27 October 2022
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
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	Whelping facilities meet Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members + emergency carers for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place and observed during inspection
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	All dogs were observed in good health well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds –all environmental enrichment requirements appear to be fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all dog vaccinations checked as up to date
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + lockable gates + CCTV
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of in septic tank
	25 x Jack Russell Terrier breeding bitches + 5 x Jack Russell Terrier stud dogs – Higher standard met for staffing levels
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs – Met – 3 full-time + 1 part-time carers available Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met
4.00 Staffing	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
5.00 Suitable Environment	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met CCTV present in premises to monitor dogs + puppies at all times + monitoring records kept and observed at inspection Licensee lives on site and confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Met Dog monitoring records inspected

	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met Observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Portable fans + heaters + heat lamps observed at inspection Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met Written feeding plan in place for dogs + puppies Feeding requirements notice observed at inspection A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met Puppy pack containing voucher for one week's supply of puppy food observed at inspection
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met Written procedures in place
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Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	All age requirements + litter numbers confirmed in breeding record inspection Licensee confirmed that no breeding bitch has undergone a caesarean Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Met Genetic screening records observed at inspection Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices observed at inspection A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copy of contract provided during inspection Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee confirmed that she is qualifies to microchip the puppies – certificate observed at inspection – and personally amends microchipping databases with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that all requirements for inbreeding are adhered to
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General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Observed during inspection
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee affirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee affirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	30 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes – 3 x f/t + 1 x p/t carers available
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Observed during inspection
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection

5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Monitoring records observed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy food voucher provided

		to new owners
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Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensee affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes
HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed

General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Yes
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Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
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4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee affirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection

6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a)its name, (b)its sex, (c)its microchip and database details, (d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 Evidence from inspections over previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensees have always demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensees show a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in their care

Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensees clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All kennels + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas installed to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensees + family carers have the appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being	1 Written procedures + records seen

		manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	at inspection were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensees to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADDRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Rozamie Kennels
INSPECTOR NAME	Lin Bagwell
DATE OF INSPECTION	1 August 2022
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	X LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	All sleeping + exercise areas meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Whelping facilities meet Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members + emergency carers for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place and observed during inspection
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed during inspection
	All dogs were observed in good health well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds –all environmental enrichment requirements appeared at inspection to be fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all dog vaccinations checked as up to date
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + lockable gates
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of under trade waste contract with Amycespa
	1 x West Highland White breeding bitch + 3 x Dachshund breeding bitches + 1 West Highland White stud dog + 2 Dachshund stud dogs + 1 x Papillon stud dog + 2 x puppy bitches + 1 x West Highland White pet dog
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs - Met Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met
4.00 Staffing	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
5.00 Suitable Environment	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met Licensee confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 Dogs live as family pets within the house during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Met Dog monitoring records inspected

	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met Observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Portable fans + heaters + heat lamps observed at inspection Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
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B - Specific Conditions	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Met Kennel Club registration seen
1.00 Adverts + Sales	Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
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Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	9 adult dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Observed during inspection

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HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

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5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Observed during inspection
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5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Observed during inspection
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Observed during inspection

5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Observed during inspection
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Licensee affirmed
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Observed during inspection
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Observed during inspection
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	No Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Yes Licensee affirmed

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Observed during inspection
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee affirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Observed during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Observed during inspection
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Observed during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Observed during inspection

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Observed during inspection
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy pack provided to new owners

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Observed during inspection
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Licensee affirmed
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	No Licensee affirmed
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Licensee affirmed

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Licensee affirmed
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Observed during inspection
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Observed during inspection
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee affirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee affirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Observed during inspection
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Observed during inspection
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee affirmed

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9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee affirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee affirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Monitoring undertaken
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee affirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Observed during inspection
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Observed during inspection
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes Licensee affirmed
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee affirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee affirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee affirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee affirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee affirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Observed during inspection
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Observed during inspection
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Observed during inspection
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Observed during inspection
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Observed during inspection
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Observed during inspection
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee affirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee affirmed
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee affirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Observed during inspection
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Observed during inspection

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee affirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee affirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee affirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee affirmed

4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee affirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee affirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee affirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee affirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee affirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee affirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee affirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a) is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b) gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c) gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d) is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee affirmed
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee affirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee affirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details,	Records checked during inspection

	(d)its date of birth, (e)the postal address where it normally resides, (f)its breed or type, (g)its description, (h)the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i)details of its biological mother and biological father, (j)details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k)the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 Evidence from inspections over previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensee has always demonstrated compliance + willingness to address issues
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensee shows a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in his care

Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensee clearly understands his role and responsibilities under the legislation
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All kennels + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas installed to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensees + emergency carers have appropriate knowledge of the dogs and are committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being	1 Written procedures + records seen

		manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	at inspection were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensee to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Savdeeta
INSPECTOR NAME	Stewart Broome
DATE OF INSPECTION	5 February 2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	14	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	X LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☒ STANDARDS MET	☐ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☒ 2 YEARS	☐ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	All sleeping + exercise areas meet Defra requirements for construction, size, temperature + lighting control, insulation, drainage, climatic conditions, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Whelping facilities meet Defra requirements for size, temperature + lighting control, cleanliness, safety measures and dog enrichment
	Written policies and procedures in place are made available to other family members + emergency carers for training purposes
	Effective noise management plan is in place and Yes
	Satisfactory food preparation area + food storage + washing facilities observed
	All dogs were observed in good health well groomed and extremely friendly and docile for their breeds –all environmental enrichment requirements appear to be fully complied with
	Monitoring of food and water intake + dogs' general health undertaken on a daily basis
	Vet preventive healthcare plan in place – all dog vaccinations checked as up to date
	Satisfactory level of site security observed with safety fencing + lockable gates + CCTV
	Competent person on site at all times as confirmed by licensee
	All Defra requirements for puppy advertising + puppy pack information + puppy sales contract are complied with
	All Defra requirements for dog record keeping checked during inspection and found to be fully compliant
	Dog waste disposed of in household waste
	2 x Chihuahua breeding bitches + 1 x Pomeranian breeding bitch + 1 x Shar Pei breeding bitch + 1 pet dog – Higher standard met for staffing levels
A – General Conditions	Required higher standard for staffing One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs - Met Optional higher standards for staffing Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification – Not Met
4.00 Staffing	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had - Not Met
5.00 Suitable Environment	Required higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person – Met CCTV present in premises to monitor dogs + puppies at all times Licensee confirmed that puppy litters are checked in person during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 Dogs live as family pets within the house and not kenneled outside during the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check - Met Dog monitoring records inspected

	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas – Met Observed at inspection Optional higher standards for providing a suitable environment for dogs Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals – Met Portable fans + heaters + heat lamps observed at inspection Licensee confirmed these are used to maintain temperatures for the dogs in all weathers Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Measures can include: • physical barriers • sound absorbing materials • positive reinforcement training to keep barking down • kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness – Met Written noise management plan in place Noise management action observed at inspection
6.00 Suitable Diet	Required higher standards for diet Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog – Met Written feeding plan in place for dogs + puppies Feeding requirements notice observed at inspection A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home – Met Puppy pack containing one week's supply of puppy food observed at inspection
7.00 Monitoring Behaviour & Training	Required higher standard for monitoring behaviour & training There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met Written procedures in place
10.00 Emergencies	Optional higher standard for emergencies A competent person must be on site at all times – Met Licensee's written confirmation received
B - Specific Conditions	Required higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results – Met Kennel Club registration seen
1.00 Adverts + Sales	Optional higher standards for advertisements and sales The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests – Met Information contained in puppy contract + puppy information pack for new owners
6.00	Required higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean – Not Met

Protecting Dogs from Pain, Suffering, Injury & Disease	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding – Not Met Genetic screening is <u>not</u> undertaken No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) – Not Met Genetic screening is <u>not</u> undertaken Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation - Met Licensee confirmed that no breeding dogs have required surgery to correct exaggerated conformations to date. Vet noted slight conformations, but not to the level to cause issues with breeding or welfare generally. A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer - Met Vet invoices observed at inspection A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith - Met Copy of contract provided during inspection Optional higher standards for protecting dogs from pain, suffering, injury and disease The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details – Met Licensee confirmed that microchipping databases are amended with new puppy owner's details No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (Col) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) - Met Licensee confirmed that under Kennel Club registration policy, all Kennel Club requirements for inbreeding are adhered to
Total	Required higher standards met = 11 Required higher standards not met = 3 Optional higher standards met = 6 Optional standards not met = 2

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	Yes
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	Licensee confirmed
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Yes
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Licensee confirmed

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	5 dogs
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Yes

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Yes
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Yes
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Yes

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Yes
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	No
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	No

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Yes
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Yes
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Yes
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Yes
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Yes
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5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Yes
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Yes

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HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Yes
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Yes
HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Both – Yes
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Yes

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Licensee confirmed
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Licensee confirmed
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Yes
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Yes
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Yes
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Yes
HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Yes
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Puppy pack provided to new owners

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7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Written policy in place
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Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Procedures checked during inspection
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Licensee confirmed
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Licensee confirmed
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Yes
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Written procedures in place
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Yes
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Licensee confirmed
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Licensee confirmed
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Lockable cabinet + fridge
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Licensee confirmed
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Risk assessment undertaken
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Licensee confirmed
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Yes
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Licensee confirmed

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in plan in place and known/available to all staff?	Yes
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Yes

10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Yes
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Yes
HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Yes

General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Licensee confirmed
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Licensee confirmed
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Licensee confirmed
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Licensee confirmed
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Licensee confirmed
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Licensee confirmed
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Licensee confirmed

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Yes
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Yes
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Yes
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Yes
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Yes
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Yes
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Yes
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Yes
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Licensee confirmed
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Licensee confirmed

2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Licensee confirmed
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Yes
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Yes

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Licensee confirmed
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Licensee confirmed
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Licensee confirmed
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Licensee confirmed
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Licensee confirmed
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Licensee confirmed

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Licensee confirmed
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Licensee confirmed
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Licensee confirmed
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Licensee confirmed

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	All dogs confirmed in good health by licensee's vet
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Licensee confirmed
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	Licensee confirmed

6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Licensee confirmed
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Licensee confirmed
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Monitoring records checked during inspection
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a) the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b) each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c) placentae passed, (d) the number of puppies in the litter, and (e) any other significant events?	Records checked during inspection
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a) the microchip number of the puppy, (b) the date of the sale, and (c) the age of the puppy on that date?	Records checked during inspection
6(9)	Is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding dog— (a) its name, (b) its sex, (c) its microchip and database details, (d) its date of birth, (e) the postal address where it normally resides, (f) its breed or type, (g) its description, (h) the date or dates of any matings, whether or not successful, (i) details of its biological mother and biological father, (j) details of any veterinary treatment it has received, and (k) the date and cause of its death (where applicable)?	Records checked during inspection
6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a) the number of matings, (b) its age at the time of each mating, (c) the number of its litters, (d) the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e) the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Records checked during inspection
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Licensee has a rehoming programme in place
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Written confirmation provided
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Written confirmation provided
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	No other activity undertaken

APPENDIX 2 - RISK SCORING TABLE

	Low Risk (Score 1)	High Risk (Score 2)	Score
Compliance History Inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to address.	1 Evidence from inspections over previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and management
Compliance History Inspections (Follow up)	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from letters highlighting some minor, administrative areas for improvement.	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1 No follow-up action required
Compliance History Inspections (Repeat)	No repeat inspection necessary before next planned inspection.	Repeat inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1 No repeat inspection required
Compliance History Complaints to LA	No complaints received that are justified in relation to welfare standards or procedural issues during the previous three years.	Substantiated complaints identifying concerns over the business/licence holder have been received within the previous three years.	1 No complaints received
Compliance History Complaints to business	Licence holder documents any feedback received in order to demonstrate compliance and willingness to address issues.	Licence holder does not record feedback received directly or show willingness to address any issues identified.	1 Licensee demonstrates compliance + willingness to address issues
Appreciation of welfare standards Enrichment	Sound understanding by the licence holder of relevant environmental enrichment applicable to the activity (guided by expert advice), with demonstrated implementation.	Little environmental enrichment present, inconsistently used and its importance not understood or really valued.	1 Licensee shows a sound environmental enrichment understanding for the dogs in his care

Appreciation of hazards Risks	Licence holder clearly understands their role and responsibilities under the legislation. Hazards to both staff and animals clearly understood, properly controlled and reviewed with supporting evidence where applicable.	Licence holder not fully engaged with their role/responsibilities, lacks time to fulfil role, no system for review and reassessment of hazards to both animals and staff.	1 Licensee understands his role and responsibilities under the legislation
Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1 All areas of the licensee's home + whelping facility + isolation + exercise areas maintained to a high quality
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1 Licensee has appropriate knowledge of the dogs and is committed to undertaking the required monitoring + recording processes.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1 Clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues are in place
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1 All written procedures + monitoring + recording forms are in place
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1 Appropriate supervision + training of emergency carers is undertaken
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1 Written procedures + records seen at inspection

			were of a high standard
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1 Licensee to undertake courses for self-development during the coming year
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			14



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Selinko
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	31/07/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	17	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☒ STANDARDS MET	☐ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☒ 2 YEARS	☐ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	Detailed health records and birth records produced, puppy information pack and contract seen.
	Kennels were large and well maintained but cluttered and had old bones, gravel and rocks that should be removed.
	Dogs appeared in good physical health but I was unable to approach the male dogs as one was very nervous and the other appeared nervous/aggressive.
	Puppy weaning and weights not regularly monitored. Licensee stated he visually monitored weaning amounts and growth.
	Fire exits, fire extinguishers and emergency leads all clearly displayed.
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met- 6 adult dogs with 1 member of staff
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification Not met
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Not met
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met- Bitches live inside the house, dogs in kennels checked regularly in person
HS(R)	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Not met- Checks not recorded
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Not met
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Met – Inside and outside areas available, plus free roam of house
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Met- Written plan in place
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Met – Dogs fed twice a day. Evidence of kongs and bones seen for enrichment
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met- Included in puppy pack
HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met- Written plan in place
HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Met- Licensee confirmed
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results Met- Kennel Club registered

HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met – Seen in puppy pack
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met- confirmed
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Not met - No genetic screening undertaken
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) Not met- No genetic screening undertaken
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation Met - Confirmed
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer Met – Included in puppy contract
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met- Puppy pack seen
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Met
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) Met - confirmed
HS(R)	11/14
HS(O)	5/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	N/A
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Y

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	N
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	N

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y. Kennels were cluttered with blankets, toys, old bones. Gravel and rocks in kennels that should be removed.
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y

5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y
5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Y
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	Y

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	N
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Food prep in outbuilding. No suitable work surface, running water in house kitchen

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Y
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y. Toys and bones seen
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Y

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	N
7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y

HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	N
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Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y. Written procedures seen
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Y
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y. Isolation kennel in outbuilding
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Y.
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Y

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in place in place and known/available to all staff?	Y. Details to be displayed in office
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Y
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	Y

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y. Whelping in house or in kennel with suitable whelping bed
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y. Heat lamps
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Y

2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y
2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	Y

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y. No feeding charts kept
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

5(1)	Each adult dog must be provided with opportunities for social contact with other dogs where such contact benefits the dogs' welfare.	Y
5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Unable to approach or handle dogs during inspection
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y. Dogs appeared in good health
6(2)	Any dog with a condition which is likely to affect materially its quality of life must not be moved, transferred or offered for sale but may be moved to an isolation facility or veterinary care facility if required until it has recovered.	Y
6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months;	Y

	(b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period; (c)gives birth to more than six litters of puppies in total; (d)is mated if she has had two litters delivered by caesarean section.	
6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Y
6(7)	Are breeding bitches adequately supervised during whelping and are there records of (a)the date and time of birth of each puppy, (b)each puppy's sex, colour and weight, (c)placentae passed, (d)the number of puppies in the litter, and (e)any other significant events?	Y. Birth records seen
6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Y
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6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y. Health records seen
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y. Seen
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y.
6(14)	Where any other activity involving animals is undertaken on the premises on which the licensable activity of breeding dogs is carried on, it must be kept entirely separate from the area where that licensable activity is carried on.	N/A

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Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	2. Daily checks, puppy weights and feedings charts not recorded.
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	2
Total Score Score of 17 or less = Low risk Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.			17



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

BREEDING DOGS INSPECTORS REPORT

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

INSPECTION DETAILS

NAME OF PERSON SEEN	
ADRESS & CONTACT NUMBER (OR EMAIL)	Thornhurst Stud/Viadua Working Poodles
INSPECTOR NAME	Jenessa Springhall
DATE OF INSPECTION	20/06/2025
VETERINARIAN NAME (WHERE APPLICABLE)	

RISK SCORE (FROM APPENDIX 2)	16	
RISK LEVEL (TICK ONE)	☒ LOW RISK	☐ HIGH RISK

INSPECTION OUTCOME (TICK ONE)	☐ LICENCE REFUSED	☐ MINOR FAILINGS
	☐ STANDARDS MET	☒ HIGHER STAND...

LENGTH OF LICENCE (TICK ONE) ¹	☐ 1 YEAR	☐ 2 YEARS	☒ 3 YEARS
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Scoring Matrix Tick appropriate star rating	Minor Failings Existing businesses that fail to meet required standards	Required Standards As specified in the Regulations.	Higher Standards As specified in the Guidance.
Low Risk Existing businesses that score 17 or less on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	3 Stars 2 year licence	5 Stars 3 year licence
High Risk Businesses that score 18 or more on the risk scoring table	1 Star 1 year licence	2 Stars 1 year licence	4 Stars 2 year licence

INSPECTION COMMENTS

¹ All licences for performing animals are issued for 3 years.

No.	Comments
	Dogs have free roam of paddocks, outbuildings and house giving them lots of enrichment and choice of where to be. Multiple sofas/mattresses available.
	Isolation in separate outbuilding with 3 secure kennels and runs, and heating and fans.
	All areas secure, clean and well lit. Temperature controlled via radiators or ceiling fans. Good ventilation.
	All dogs appeared in good health and temperament.
	Kitchen area clean, secure food storage in metal containers. Raw feed prepared in separate kitchen and stored in freezer.
	Record keeping for Irish Wolfhounds inconsistent, example forms sent and advice given to keep up to date. Record keeping for Poodles is detailed and available.
HS(R)	One staff member should not be responsible for more than 10 adult dogs Met.
HS(O)	Each business must have a full-time, permanent member of staff with an appropriate Ofqual regulated Level 3 qualification Not Met
HS(O)	Businesses must appoint a qualified behaviour expert and record all discussions that are had Not Met
HS(R)	All individual dogs must be checked at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (6pm to 8am) by CCTV or in person. When there are litters, they must be checked in person Met – Multiple checks including in person and CCTV monitoring.
HS(R)	The licence holder must keep a record of all checks made during both normal hours and out of hours, including the date and time of each check Met
HS(O)	Ventilation must be a managed fixed or portable air system to maintain temperatures in all weathers. This can be an air conditioning unit or removable fans installed safely away from animals Met – radiators, heat lamps and ceiling fans
HS(R)	The design and layout of the facility must give the dogs a choice of areas Met
HS(O)	Businesses must have a noise management plan in place that's proven to reduce noise for the dogs. Not met. No written plan in place but premises was very quiet.
HS(R)	Dogs must be fed twice a day. Each dog must have a feeding plan that balances feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog Met. Dogs fed once or twice a day depending on needs. Dogs fed on raised bowls. Dogs fed a variety of raw feed for health and enrichment.
HS(R)	A minimum of a week's supply of the puppies' current diet must be included when they go to their new home Met- Included in puppy pack
HS(R)	There must be a clear plan setting out 2 forms of exercise per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each. There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons Met. Dogs have almost constant access to large areas of the property. Dogs taken off site of walks and hunting etc.

HS(O)	A competent person must be on site at all times Met
HS(R)	The breeder will ensure all breeding stock or puppies are recorded in the UK with a registration organisation which must make available record of parent or lineage including coefficient of inbreeding and record of health screening test results Met
HS(O)	The breeder must give all details of the sire and bitch to the buyer including: • date of birth • microchip number • registration body (if applicable) • details of any inherited diseases that the breed is prone to • any screening tests Met – Included on puppy contract
HS(R)	All bitches must be at least 18 months old before they are used for mating. A bitch must not be mated if she is 8 years of age or older. A bitch must not give birth to more than four litters of puppies in total. A bitch must not be bred from if they have had one caesarean Met
HS(R)	Licence holders must test all breeding stock for hereditary disease using the accepted and scientifically validated health screening schemes relevant to their breed or type. They must carefully evaluate all test results and follow any breeding advice issued under each scheme prior to breeding Met- All testing carried out
HS(R)	No mating must take place if the test results indicate that it is likely to produce health or welfare problems in the offspring or affect negatively the relevant breeding strategy (or both) Met
HS(R)	Surgery to correct exaggerated conformation must be reported to the registration organisation Met
HS(R)	A vet must check each puppy before sale. Proof of the check must be held and available to the puppy buyer Met- Vet health check certificates seen and included in puppy pack
HS(R)	A puppy contract must be used, which must include undertakings and warranties around health, vaccinations and socialisation carried out by the seller prior to sale, and also make clear the responsibilities of the buyer relative to the dog. This must then give both parties confidence that a transaction has taken place in good faith Met – Puppy contracts seen
HS(O)	The licence holder must make sure that the microchipping database is amended with the puppy buyer's details Met- Buyer is provided with instruction booklet on how to change details.
HS(O)	No bitch must be intentionally mated when the Coefficient of Inbreeding (CoI) of the puppies would exceed the breed average or 12.5% (if no breed average exists as measured from a minimum 5 generation pedigree) Met
HS(R)	14/14
HS(O)	5/8

APPENDIX 1 – INSPECTION

General Conditions (Schedule 2)

Licence and records

1(1)	Is a copy of the licence prominently displayed on the premises?	N. New licence to be displayed
1(2)	Is the licence holder's name and number displayed on website?	N/A
2(1)	Are all records available for inspection? (see items marked with an asterisk)	Y. Some records seen
2(2)	Are records kept for at least 3 years?	Y

Use, number and type of animal

3(1)	Are the types of animal present specified on the licence?	Y
3(2)	Is the number of animals present reasonable considering the facilities & staffing?	Y

Staffing

4(1)	Is there sufficient competent staffing for the animal welfare needs?	Y
4(2)	Is there sufficient staffing to recognise/mitigate signs of pain, suffering, etc.?	Y
4(3)	Is there a written training policy for all staff?	Y

HS(R)	Are staffing levels equal to 1 full-time equivalent attendant per 10 adult dogs kept?	Y
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HS(O)	Is there a member of staff with an OFQUAL regulated level 3 qualification that is appropriate to the species kept?	N
HS(O)	Is there a suitably qualified behaviour expert appointed in relation to the licensable activity and active engagement recorded?	N

Suitable environment

5(1)	Do all areas & equipment present minimal risk of injury, illness and escape and are constructed in materials that are robust, safe well maintained?	Y. All areas safe and secure
5(2)	Are all animals kept in a suitable environment (behavioural needs, space, air quality, cleanliness, temperature, water quality, noise, light, ventilation)?	Y
5(3)	Are animals kept clean and comfortable?	Y
5(4)	Is a toileting area and opportunities for toileting provided (where appropriate)?	Y
5(5)	Are procedures in place to ensure good hygiene standards for accommodation?	Y
5(6)	Are animals transported/handled in a manner that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease?	Y. Dog van with crates seen.
5(7)	Are all animals easily accessible with sufficient light for staff to observe/work?	Y

5(8)	Are resources provided in a way to minimise competitive behaviour?	Y
5(9)	Are animals left unattended for extended periods?	N

HS(R)	Are the dogs provided with a design and layout that provides them with choice beyond minimum enrichment requirements? This can be achieved by, for example, inclusion of raised platforms or more than one room.	Y. Multiple areas available for dogs to choose.
HS(R)	Are all individual dogs inspected at least once at an appropriate interval during the out of hours period (e.g. 1800-0800)?	Y. Multiple checks in person and on CCTV

HS(O)	Is ventilation/temperature managed via a fixed or portable air system?	Y. Radiators, heat lamps and ceiling fans
HS(O)	Is there a noise management plan must be in place e.g. physical barriers, sound absorbing materials, positive reinforcement training to keep barking down, kennel design to prevent noise generation with demonstration of effectiveness?	No written plan.

Suitable diet

6(1)	Are animals provided suitable diet (quality, quantity, frequency, introduction)?	Y
6(2)	Is feed/water intake monitored and problems recorded and addressed?	Y
6(3)	Is feed and drinking water unspoilt and free from contamination?	Y. Fresh water seen during inspection
6(4)	Are feed and drinking receptacles capable of being cleaned and disinfected?	Y
6(5)	Is there constant access to fresh, clean drinking water in a suitable receptacle?	Y. Fresh water seen during inspection
6(6)	Are there hygienic facilities for feed preparation if prepared on the premises (including working surface, hot and cold running water and storage)?	Y. Clean kitchen seen

HS(R)	Are dogs fed twice a day with a feeding plan for each dog balancing feeding with food enrichment such as use of scatter feeders. Inspector must see the enrichment tools and plan for each dog?	Y. Dogs provided with variety of raw food items.
HS(R)	Is a minimum of a weeks supply of the puppies' current diet included when they go to their new home?	Y. Included in puppy pack

Monitoring of behaviour and training of animals

7(1)	Is effective environmental enrichment provided for the animals?	Y. Large play areas. Grooming items seen
7(2)	Are there opportunities to exercise for the animals?	Y. Multiple outside areas
7(3)	Is animal behaviour monitored and advice sought from a veterinarian ² ?	Y
7(4)	Do training methods cause pain, suffering or injury?	N

² In relation to fish, substitute all references to a veterinarian to a person who is competent for such purposes.

7(5)	Are immature animals given opportunities to interact with people, their own species and other animals and become habituated to noise, objects, etc.?	Y. Detailed notes provided for noise and object habituation.
HS(R)	Is there a plan setting out two walks per dog each working day for a minimum of 20 minutes each or two sessions of access to a secure open area? There must be an alternative form of enrichment planned for dogs which cannot be exercised for veterinary reasons	Y. Large amount of enrichment carried out.

Animal handling and interactions

8(1)	Are responsible people competent in the appropriate handling of animals?	Y
8(2)	Are animals kept separately or with other animals appropriate to the species and the individual animals?	Y
8(3)	Do the animals have at least daily opportunities to interact with people (where beneficial to the animal's welfare)?	Y. Dogs have access to house and people all day.

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

9(1)	Are procedures implemented for feeding, cleaning, transportation, disease control, health and welfare monitoring, death and escape, storage of carcasses?	Y. Seen
9(1)	Are procedures implemented to cover the care of animals following the suspension or revocation of a licence or during/following an emergency?	Y
9(2)	Are all people responsible for the care of the animals aware of the procedures?	Y
9(3)	Are there appropriate isolation facilities for the care of sick, injured or potentially infectious animals?	Y. Isolation kennels seen.
9(4)	Are reasonable precautions taken to prevent and control the spread among the animals and people of infectious diseases, pathogens and parasites?	Y
9(5)	Is excreta and soiled bedding for disposal stored and disposed of hygienically?	Y. Incinerator
9(6)	Do sick or injured animals receive prompt attention from a veterinarian?	Y.
9(7)	Do animals receive preventative treatment by a competent person?	Y. Vaccinations up to date. Worm and flea med given
9(8)	Is the licence holder registered with a veterinarian and is that veterinarian's contact details readily available to all staff?	Y
9(9)	Are prescribed medicines stored securely at the correct temperature and used in accordance with the instructions of the veterinarian?	Y. Medicine cabinet seen
9(10)	Are other medicines stored, used and disposed of in accordance the instructions of the manufacturer or a veterinarian?	Y
9(11)	Are cleaning products suitable and effective against pathogens and stored/disposed of correctly and used in a way that prevents harm to animals?	Y. Seen during inspection
9(12)	Are all animals euthanised by a vet or a person authorised by a vet (or in the case of horses, a person who is competent and licensed for such purpose)?	Y
9(13)	Are animals checked daily for signs of pain, suffering, injury, disease or abnormal behaviour (or more frequently for vulnerable animals)?	Y
9(14)	Are records kept of any signs of pain, suffering, disease or abnormal behaviour and the advice of a veterinarian sought and followed?	Y

Emergencies

10(1)	Is an emergency in place in place and known/available to all staff?	Y.
10(2)	Does the plan include details of the measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals if required and an emergency telephone list (fire and police)?	Y
10(3)	Are external doors and gates lockable?	Y. Secure premises.
10(4)	Is a designated key holder with access to all animal areas at all times within reasonable travel distance of the premises?	Y

HS(R)	Is there a competent person on site at all times?	Y
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General Conditions Specific to breeding dogs (Schedule 6)

Advertisements and sales

1(1)	The licence holder must not advertise or offer for sale a dog which was not bred by the licence holder from the premises where it was born and reared under the licence knowing or believing that the person who buys it intends to sell it or intends it to be sold by any other person.	Y
1(2)	Any advertisement for the sale of a dog must include the licence number, the issuing authority, a photograph and the age of the dog.	Y
1(3)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that any equipment and accessories being sold with a dog are suitable for it.	Y
1(4)	The licence holder and all staff must ensure that the purchaser is informed of the age, sex and veterinary record of the dog being sold.	Y
1(5)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be sold or permanently separated from its biological mother.	Y
1(6)	A puppy may only be shown to a prospective purchaser if it is together with its biological mother.	Y. Shown in house.
1(7)	Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) do not apply if separation of the puppy from its biological mother is necessary for the health or welfare of the puppy, other puppies from the same litter or its biological mother.	

Suitable environment

2(1)	Each dog must have access to a sleeping area which is free from draughts and an exercise area.	Y
2(2)	Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to; stand on its hind legs, lie down fully stretched out, wag its tail, walk, and turn around, without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.	Y
2(3)	The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area.	Y
2(4)	Part or all of the exercise area must be outdoors.	Y
2(5)	There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.	Y
2(6)	Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature (26c to 28c) and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots.	Y
2(7)	Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.	Y
2(8)	A separate bed must be provided for each adult dog.	Y
2(9)	No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except if a veterinarian agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be transported, or in an emergency.	Y

2(10)	No breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating except to a veterinarian.	Y
2(11)	No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinarian where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.	Y
2(12)	Each dog's sleeping area must be clean, comfortable, warm and free from draughts.	Y
2(13)	In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.	

Suitable diet

3(1)	Staff must— (a)ensure that each puppy starts weaning as soon as it is capable of ingesting feed on its own, (b)provide each breeding bitch with feed appropriate to its needs, (c)provide each puppy with feed appropriate for its stage of development, and (d)ensure that each puppy ingests the correct share of the feed provided.	Y. Weighed every day.
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Monitoring of behaviour and training

4(1)	The licence holder must implement and be able to demonstrate use of a documented socialisation and habituation programme for the puppies.	Y
4(2)	Each dog must be provided with toys or feeding enrichment (or both) unless advice from a veterinarian suggests otherwise.	Y
4(3)	Except in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), all adult dogs must be exercised at least twice daily away from their sleeping area.	Y
4(4)	Where a veterinarian has advised against exercising a dog, the dog must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.	Y
4(5)	Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.	Y

Housing with or apart from other dogs

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5(2)	Each adult dog must be given suitable and adequate opportunities to become habituated to handling by people.	Y
	Procedures must be in place for dealing with dogs that show abnormal behaviour.	Y
	There must be an area within each sleeping area in which dogs can avoid seeing people and other dogs outside the sleeping area if they so choose	Y

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease

6(1)	Are all dogs for sale in good health?	Y. All dogs appeared happy and healthy. Puppy vet health check certificates seen.
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6(3)	The licence holder must ensure that no bitch— (a)is mated if aged less than 12 months; (b)gives birth to more than one litter of puppies in a 12-month period;	Y

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6(4)	The licence holder must ensure that each puppy is microchipped and registered to the licence holder before it is sold.	Y. Licensee microchips puppies
6(5)	No dog may be kept for breeding if it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype, phenotype or state of health that breeding from it could have a detrimental effect on its health or welfare or the health or welfare of its offspring.	Y
6(6)	Is the health, safety and welfare of each dog checked at the start and end of every day and at least every four hours during the daytime?	Y
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6(8)	Is there a record of each puppy sale including— (a)the microchip number of the puppy, (b)the date of the sale, and (c)the age of the puppy on that date?	Y. Puppy sales records seen
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6(10)	In addition to the above, is there a record of the following in relation to each breeding bitch— (a)the number of matings, (b)its age at the time of each mating, (c)the number of its litters, (d)the date or dates on which it has given birth, and (e)the number of caesarean sections it has had, if any?	Y
6(11)	Unless the licence holder keeps the dog as a pet, the licence holder must make arrangements for any dog no longer required for breeding to be appropriately rehomed.	Y. Rehome policy
6(12)	Is there a preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2?	Y. Licensee called and confirmed existing plan is valid.
6(13)	Is there a record of any preventative or curative healthcare (or both) given to each dog?	Y
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Appreciation of hazards Risks - maintenance	A suitably planned maintenance, repair and replacement program for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	No planned maintenance program. Building, installations and equipment allowed to deteriorate before action is implemented.	1. Premises in good condition.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1. Staff have excellent knowledge of the breed, training and breeding.
Appreciation of hazards Risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1
Welfare management procedures Written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	2. Written policies need updating
Welfare management procedures Supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1
Welfare management procedures Record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	2. Poodle record keeping on an app. Little or no written records for Irish wolfhounds.
Welfare management procedures Training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1
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