

# MANDATORY CONDITIONS (TAKEN FROM SECTION 1A OF THE ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)

## **CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR ZOOS**

- 1. The following are conservation measures to be implemented in zoos in accordance with this Act-
  - (a) participating in at least one of the following-
    - research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
    - training in relevant conservation skills;
    - the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals:
    - where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity; and
    - where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals;
  - (b) promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the zoo and their natural habitats; [zoo] must keep information to show how it has complied with this condition and supply it to the local authority upon request.
  - (c) accommodating their animals under conditions which aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the species to which they belong, including:-
    - providing each animal with an environment well-adapted to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the species to which it belongs; and
    - providing a high standard of animal husbandry with a developed programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition;

in a manner consistent with the standards set out in the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice

- (d) preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals;
- (e) preventing the intrusion of pests and vermin into the zoo premises; and
- (f) keeping up-to-date records of the zoo's collection, including records of-
  - the numbers of different animals:
  - acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals;
  - the causes of any such deaths; and
  - the health of the animals.

### **DISCRETIONARY CONDITIONS**

Discretionary conditions must not conflict with the mandatory conditions giving effect to the conservation measures in section 1A of the Act. But these conditions can complement them if the local authority believes they are necessary to ensure the proper conduct of the zoo.

### 1. INSURANCE

Within one month of the date of the licence and one month of the date of renewal of the policy, where applicable, a copy of the zoo's current public liability insurance policy, and of subsequent renewals thereof, to be sent to the licensing authority.

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### 2. HAZARDOUS ANIMALS

The licensing authority to be notified in writing, at least one month in advance, of the proposed addition of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice), which is from a taxonomic family of which Category 1 species have not previously been kept in the zoo.

## 3. TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF ANIMALS FROM THE ZOO

The licensee/s to notify the licensing authority before the temporary removal from the zoo (other than for veterinary attention or inter-zoo movements) of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation of Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice. Such notification to be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 hours before the removal, unless the zoo operator and licensing authority mutually agree a shorter period. When giving notification, details of the destination and method of transportation of the animal and of the arrangements for its well-being, as well as for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the zoo, to be provided.

### 4. ESCAPES

In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the zoo, notification shall be made to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.

#### 5. STOCK RECORDS

An annual stocklist of all animals must be kept and a copy must be forwarded to the local authority no later than 1 April of the year following that to which it relates and the stock list must include the information and in the format indicated in Section 9.5 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice (September 2004).

**Note 1.** These conditions are attached to the licence without prejudice to the application, where relevant, of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice specified in accordance powers conferred under section 9 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended).

**Note 2.** The grant of this licence does not imply that the requirements of any other legislation have been met.

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