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ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981 (As amended)

ZOO LICENSING CONDITIONS

Mandatory Conditions

- **1.** The operator of the Zoo must ensure that the following measures are implemented in the Zoo:
 - 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.
 - accommodating and keeping the animals in a manner which meets the standards set out in the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice.
 - preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals.
 - preventing the intrusion of pests and vermin into the premises of the Zoo.
 - keeping up-to-date records of the Zoo's collection of animals, 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.
- 2. The Licence Holder shall participate 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
 - The breeding of wild animals in captivity; and
 - The repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals.

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Other Conditions

Insurance

3. The Licence holder shall, within one month of the date of the licence and within one month of the date of each renewal of the policy, where applicable, send to the licensing authority a copy of the zoo's current public liability insurance policy and subsequent renewals thereof.

Hazardous Animals

4. The Licence holder shall notify the licensing authority in writing, at least one months 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.

Temporary Removal of Animals from the Zoo

removal from the zoo (other than for veterinary attention or interzoo movements) of any animal listed in Category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice. Such notification shall be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 hours before the removal, unless the licence holder and licensing authority mutually agreed a shorter period. When giving notification, details of the destination and method of transportation of the animal and of the arrangements for its wellbeing, as well as for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the zoo, shall be provided.

Escapes

6. A The Licence holder shall, in the event of any nondomestic animal escaping from the confines of the zoo, make notification to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.

Stock Records

7. 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. The stocklist should be in a multi-column format similar, for example, to Section 9.5 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice, or to those that are produced by ZIMS or ARKS.