

## The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting – 9 August 2016

Agenda Item	9.1
Report No	HLC/066/16

### Application for grant of a licence under the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 34 Blandy, Tongue (Ward 1 – North West and Central Sutherland)

#### Report by Environmental Health Officer

##### Summary

This Report relates to an application for the grant of a licence under the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 (as amended)

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 In terms of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 (as amended) no person shall keep a breeding or rearing establishment for dogs except under the authority of a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of the Act. A person keeps a breeding establishment for dogs at any premises if he carries on at those premises a business of breeding or rearing dogs for sale (whether by him or any other person).
- 1.2 The purpose of the Act is to regulate the commercial breeding of dogs; to provide for inspection of premises at which dogs are bred and for control over the transportation of puppies; and for purposes connected with those matters. Licence conditions (appended) seek to protect the welfare of dogs.

#### 2.0 Description of application

- 2.1 Following an enforcement visit by officers, Anne Duncan had been advised to apply for the grant of a licence to operate a Dog Breeding Establishment at 34 Blandy, Tongue, Lairg, IV27 4XS. An application to keep 13 breeding bitches was received on 25 May 2016. This is appended.
- 2.2 Following receipt of the application, the following agencies were consulted:-
  - Police Scotland
  - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
  - Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
  - Ward 1 Members
  - Planning and Development Service

SSPCA had objected to the grant of a licence and all other consultees had either not replied or responded intimating no objection to the grant of a licence.

2.3 Section 1(2A)(a) requires that the premises are inspected by a veterinary surgeon and an officer of the local authority. A joint inspection of the premises was made by Council Officers, SSPCA and a veterinary surgeon on 27 July 2016. The vet's report was not available at the time of writing but will be made available as soon as it is received.

2.4 The applicant's property consists of a static caravan, mobile caravan and several outbuildings. The land is securely fenced and includes a large area where the dogs are exercised. The applicant lives in the static caravan. Birthing takes place in the owner's bedroom and the mother and pups are transferred to the mobile caravan once they reach an appropriate stage in their development. This is necessary to separate them from the large number of other dogs at the property.

### **3.0 Determining issues**

3.1 There are a number of conditions which have to be considered in determining whether to grant a licence for the keeping of a breeding or rearing establishment for dogs by any person at any premises, a local authority must in particular (but without prejudice to their discretion to withhold a licence on other grounds) have regard to the need for securing—

(a) that the dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;

(b) that the dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised, and visited at suitable intervals;

(c) that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among dogs of infectious or contagious diseases;

(d) that appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency;

(e) that all appropriate steps will be taken to secure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding or rearing establishment;

(f) that bitches are not mated if they are less than one year old;

(g) that bitches do not give birth to more than six litters of puppies each;

(h) that bitches do not give birth to puppies before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which they last gave birth to puppies;

(i) that accurate records in a form prescribed by regulations are kept at the premises and made available for inspection there by any officer of the local authority, or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, authorised by the local authority to inspect the premises.

3.2 A licence, if granted, would come into force at the beginning of the day specified in the licence and last until the end of the current year. A renewal being required for subsequent calendar years.

3.3 The vet, SSPCA and local authority inspectors were not satisfied that the premises should be licensed. There were a number of concerns as to the suitability of the

accommodation and the potential for spread of infection. In particular, the surfaces were not capable of being adequately cleaned and disinfected in order to control the spread of disease. This is a particular challenge due to the large number of dogs on the premises. Also the lack of adequate isolation facilities was concerning. The static caravan measuring 31ft x 12ft currently houses 18 dogs plus the applicant. A further 21 dogs were also living on the property. There were 2 litters of pups and whelping bitches had an area of 4ft x 4ft floor space within the proprietors own bedroom floor space. The level of record-keeping was significantly inadequate as per the terms of the Act, although the applicant indicated that she could readily comply with this and some records could be collated retrospectively. Evidence of adequate record-keeping would be necessary.

- 3.4 Section 1(5) of the Act states that any person aggrieved by the refusal of a local authority to grant such a licence, or by any condition subject to which such a licence is proposed to be granted, may appeal to the Sheriff who may on such an appeal give such directions with respect to the issue of a licence or, as the case may be, with respect to the conditions subject to which a licence is to be granted as he thinks proper.

#### **4.0 Timescale**

- 4.1 A local authority has three months from the date of receiving the application to decide whether to grant a licence to the applicant. As the application was made on 25 May 2016, a decision is required by 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

#### **5.0 Powers**

- 5.1 The Committee may refuse to grant a licence but in doing so should have particular regard to the requirements set out in section 3.1 of this report.
- 5.2 If minded to grant the licence, the Committee may attach such reasonable conditions, in addition to the standard conditions, as they think fit.

#### **6.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members refuse to grant a licence due to an inability to comply with:-

Section 1(4)(a) "that the dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness; construction, cleanliness and number of occupants".

Section 1(4)(c) "that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among dogs of infectious or contagious diseases".

Section 1(4)(i) “that accurate records in a form prescribed by regulations are kept at the premises and made available for inspection there by any officer of the local authority, or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, authorised by the local authority to inspect the premises.”

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members refuse to grant a licence for the reasons outlined in this report.

Designation: Environmental Health Officer

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Date: 28 July 2016

Appendices:

1. Application for Licence
2. Standard Highland Council Dog Breeder Licence Conditions
3. Report by Veterinary Surgeon – to be made available at Committee

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**  
**APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO KEEP A BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT FOR DOGS**  
**BREEDING OF DOGS ACT 1973**

RECEIVED

		25 MAY 2016	SURNAME	FORENAME(S)
(b) Home address  The Highland Council Drummuie  Telephone Nos. (if any)  Previous address(es) within last 5 years				
	Home		Business:	
	N/A			
(c) Date and place of birth and occupation	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Occupation	
			RET.	
2. (a) Full name of person who will be responsible for the day to day management	Surname DUNCAN	Forename(s) ANNÉ		
(b) Address	AS ABOVE			
(c) Date and place of birth and occupation	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Occupation	
3. Have you or any other person to be responsible for managing the establishment been disqualified by a Court of Law from:-  (a) Keeping a boarding establishment (b) Keeping a pet shop (c) Keeping a dog (d) Having the custody of animals (e) Undertaking any activities under animal health and welfare legislation?	YES/NO YES/NO YES/NO YES/NO YES/NO			
4. Proposed starting date of licence	June 2016			
5. Address of premises to be licensed	34 BLANDY TONGUE, SUTHERLAND IV24 4XS			
6. (a) Number and breeds of breeding bitches to be kept (b) Number of other dogs and non-breeding bitches to be kept	13 including young stock see attached list  see cont.			

(c) Details of any other animals to be kept	NONE
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7. Description of premises:-	
(a) Construction	STATIC CARAVAN (MY HOME)
(b) Approximate overall size of building	32' x 12'
(c) Size of quarters	
(d) Number of occupants	13
(e) Ventilation	WINDOWS + DOORS
(f) Temperature Control	me
(g) Bedding	Vet bedding + Duvels
(h) Exercise facilities	Croft land at 34 Bianchy.
(i) Precautions taken for preventing and controlling the spread of infectious and contagious diseases among the animals	DAILY CLEANING + DISINFECTING OF LIVING QUARTERS
(j) Isolation facilities	BEDROOM/seperate caravan if required.
(k) Steps taken for the protection of the animals in case of fire or other emergency	FIRE EXTINGUISHER PRESENT evacuation procedure recently practiced.
8. Is the responsible person normally resident on the premises?	YES/NO ie. Bianchy wild fire.
If not, what provisions are there in case of accident or emergency?	

I DECLARE THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, MY ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE CORRECT IN EVERY RESPECT. (Please note that a false statement may render the applicant liable to prosecution).

Signature: [REDACTED] Date .....

1. Definitions

NOTES

- (a) In terms of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973, the keeping by any person of a breeding establishment for dogs shall be construed as reference to the carrying on by that person at premises of any nature, (including a private dwelling) of a business of breeding dogs with a view to their being sold in the course of such business whether by the keeper thereof or any other person.
- (b) "Breeding Establishment" means any premises (including a private dwelling) where more than two bitches are kept for the purpose of breeding for sale.

2. A licensee must maintain a register containing a description of any animals received into or resident in the establishment, date of arrival and departure, the name and address of the owner, age of bitch, dates of heat periods, mating and whelping, such register to be available for inspection at all times by an officer of the Local Authority, Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Practitioner, authorised under Section 2(1) of the Act.

3. The Highland Council may require that the premises and/or animals are inspected by an independent Veterinary, in which case the cost of such inspection will require to be paid for by the applicant.

4. The application fee for a new licence - £128.00 for one year  
 The application fee for a licence renewal - £ 98.00 for one year  
 These fees do not include any veterinary fees which may be payable and are not refundable should the application fail for any reason.



Dear Mr Ratter,

please find enclosed my completed licence application to breed dogs. I have written this also as there is not a lot of space on the form.

I have at the moment six breeding age bitches and seven younger girls coming on to eventually take over as the older girls retire. My girls are not bred from until they have had at least two seasons and are retired when they have had three litters or have reached six years of age, whichever comes first.

All puppies are whelped in my bedroom and every litter gets a new whelping box (disposable) and a roll of vet bedding.

A full whelping kit is always ready and my vet on stand-by in case of emergency. Thankfully a rare occurrence.

Puppies stay in my room until their eyes open, they are hearing and beginning to interact, they then move into the next bedroom which is adapted solely for the purpose.

Puppies are handled by myself every day at least once but usually more often. They are checked from top to toe and any cleaning, trimming of nails, coat etc is

attended to. They begin a worming programme at 3 weeks of age, just shortly before I start the weaning process. They are weaned onto Royal Canin Pediatric (mother and baby) which is recommended by my vet and I think is the best puppy food on the market.

As they grow they are introduced to the rest of the home and other dogs living in here, friends and family are encouraged to visit and play with the puppies from 4 weeks onwards, daily grooming sessions are also incorporated by this age as most of the pups have thick non casting wavy coats and they need to be accustomed to grooming before they go to their forever homes. Outdoor playpens are used in good weather only and puppies are never left outdoors if the weather changes and are always in before dark.

The earliest I sell a pup is 8 weeks and often keep them longer in which case they are vaccinated. All potential owners are thoroughly vetted before I consider telling them have a puppy and I never under any circumstances sell puppies to dealers or pet shops.

Every pup leaves with a comprehensive set of instructions, diet sheet, worming programme, 4 weeks insurance and now microchip, plus blanket, toys, collar, lead + puppy pads. As for my girls, they are first and foremost my much loved pets. They are wormed, vaccinated and treated for external parasites according to my vets recommendations.



They are with me day and night, never kennelled they have access to the outdoors whenever they want and are walked at least twice daily, more in summer. They have large areas of both grass long and short, woodland areas, two ponds and several more acres of hillside terrain. They are fed a good quality maintenance diet except when they are pregnant or lactating when they are fed Royal Canin mother and baby complete food, and anything else they fancy (within reason)

All of my bitches are well handled and very sociable with excellent temperaments and in top physical condition. They all have freshly laundered duvets to sleep on, are groomed regularly, get vet treatment when necessary. They are also loved dearly cuddled frequently and get spoilt more than is probably good for them.

As you know I also keep various other dogs some of whom live in thecroft house and others in purpose built kennels all of these dogs are given the same care and attention as my breeding bitches and live happy, healthy active and fulfilled lives. I forgot to mention that the retired breeding bitches also spend the rest of their lives here with me on Blandy.

I am hoping I have covered everything and I promise to keep proper records etc. as is required please do not

hesitate to contact me should you require  
any further information. I look forward  
to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely  
A. Duncan.

Breeding age bitches.

Gypsy - Cavalier X

Rora - Cocker

Piggle - Cavalier

Dottie - Cocker

Razzle - Cocker

Lena - Cavalier

Princess - Cavalier

Duchess - Cavalier

bitches under breeding age.

Hob Nob Cavalier X

Mozzy Cavalier X

Midge Cavalier X

Myrtle Cavalier X

Mavis Cocker X

N - Neutered  
S - Spayed  
E - Entire

NON BREEDING DOGS KEPT.

Dancer - English Setter N.

Kite - English Setter N

Shadow - GSD S

K1334 - South African Boerboel S

Harvey - Cocker N

Spangle - Pointer S

Bootsie - Bearded Collie X N

Meg - Labrador E

Amber - Mashiff X S

Lucy - Cocker S

Murray - Cavalier N

Bramble - Cocker S

Diggity - Cocker x Lab E

W1334 - Jack Russel N

Jerky - Staffie N

Boogle - Cavalier S

Traggle - Cocker S

Breagh - English Bull Terrier E

Tease - Cavapoo - 14 weeks

Peter - Poodle E <sup>will be spayed.</sup>

Malcolm - Poodle X E

Aye Aye - Cavalier X N

Squally - Bichon E

Dudley - Poodle E

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## SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

### DOMESTIC BREEDERS

#### 1. Accommodation

##### 1.1 GENERAL

**Dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects constructions, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(a)**

##### 1.2 TEMPERATURE

There must be some part of the sleeping area where the dog is able to enjoy a minimum temperature of 10°C (50°F) and a maximum temperature of 26°C (79°F).

##### 1.3 LIGHTING

1.3.1 During daylight hours, light must be provided to exercise and sleeping areas so that all parts are clearly visible. Where practicable this should be natural light.

#### 2. Management

##### 2.1 GENERAL

**Dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised, and visited at suitable intervals;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(b)**

##### 2.2 SUPERVISION

2.2.1. A fit and proper person should always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies.

2.2.2 Dogs must be checked on regularly throughout the day.

##### 2.3 FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES

2.3.1 All dogs must be adequately supplied with suitable food. Clean water must be available at all times and changed daily.

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2.3.2 Eating and drinking vessels must be capable of being easily cleansed and disinfected to prevent cross-contamination. They must be maintained in a clean condition and cleansed or disposed of after each meal.

### 3. Disease control, vaccination and worming

#### 3.1 GENERAL

**All reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among dogs of infectious or contagious diseases;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(c)**

3.1.1 All dogs should be vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Canine Adenovirus), Leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola* and *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae*) and Canine Parvovirus. It may be necessary to vaccinate against other diseases and veterinary advice should be sought.

3.1.2 Advice from the veterinary surgeon must be sought where a dog shows signs of disease, injury or illness. A competent person must ensure this advice is followed.

#### 3.2 FIRST-AID KIT FOR DOGS

A fully maintained first-aid kit suitable for use on dogs and puppies should be available and accessible on the premises.

#### 3.3 ISOLATION FACILITIES

3.3.1 Facilities for isolation should be available when required.

3.3.2 Isolation facilities must be in compliance with the other licence conditions but must be physically isolated from other dogs ideally at a distance of at least 5 m (15 ft).

3.3.3 Adequate facilities to prevent the spread of infectious disease between the isolation case and any other dogs must be provided.

3.3.4 Hands must be washed after leaving the isolation facilities before handling other dogs.

### 4. Emergencies/Fire prevention

#### 4.1 GENERAL

**That all appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(d)**

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### 5. Transport

#### 5.1 GENERAL

**That all appropriate steps will be taken to secure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(e)**

### 6. Health and welfare of the breeding bitch

#### 6.1 MATING

**That bitches are not mated if they are less than one year old;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(f)**

#### 6.2 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LITTERS

**That bitches do not give birth to more than six litters of puppies each;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(g)**

#### 6.3 TWELVE MONTHS BETWEEN LITTERS

**That bitches do not give birth to puppies before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which they last gave birth to puppies;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(h)**

#### 6.4 RECORD-KEEPING

**That accurate records in a form prescribed by regulations are kept at the premises and made available for inspection there by any officer of the local authority, or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, authorised by the local authority to inspect the premises;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(i)**

6.4.1 The Breeding of Dogs (Licensing Records) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No 3192) prescribe the form of records to be kept by licensed breeding establishments. These records must be accurate and kept on the premises and made available to local authority inspectors or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner authorised by the local authority.

6.4.2 A record must be kept by every licensed dog breeder for each breeding bitch providing the name of the bitch, date of birth, address where she is kept, breed, description, date of mating and details of sire. Licensed dog breeders must also keep a record of any litters, including the sex of the puppies, date of birth, weight, description and total number in the

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litter. The record must also show the details of sale, namely the date of sale, name and address of who was supplied and the status of the purchaser (ie, private owner or pet shop).



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### NON-DOMESTIC BREEDERS

#### 1. Accommodation

##### 1.1 GENERAL

**Dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;  
BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(a)**

1.1.1 Where wood has been used in an existing construction it must be smooth and treated to render it impervious. Wood should not be used on exposed surfaces of walls, floors, partitions, door frames or doors in the dog kennelling area. There must be no projections liable to cause injury.

1.1.2 All exterior wood should be properly treated against wood rot, eg, tanalised. Only non-toxic products should be used.

1.1.3 All internal surfaces used in the construction of walls, floors, partitions, doors and door frames are to be durable, smooth and impervious. There must be no projections or rough edges liable to cause injury.

1.1.4 Sleeping areas of kennels must be insulated so as to prevent extremes of temperature.

1.1.5 The construction should be such that the security of the dog is ensured.

1.1.6 Fencing material should be secure and safe.

##### 1.2 WALLS AND PARTITIONS

1.2.1 Walls with which dogs may come into contact must be of smooth impervious materials, capable of being easily cleaned. Where concrete or other building blocks or bricks are used, they should be sealed so as to be smooth and impervious, and resealed as necessary.

1.2.2 Junctions between vertical and horizontal sections should be coved. If impractical in existing premises, all joints should be sealed.

1.2.3 It is suggested that partition walls between kennels and individual exercise areas should be of solid construction to a minimum height of 1.2 m (4 ft).

##### 1.3 FLOORS

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- 1.3.1 Floors of all buildings, individual exercise areas and kennels should be of smooth, impervious materials, capable of being easily cleaned. It is recommended that new kennels should incorporate a damp proof membrane.
- 1.3.2 All floors of kennels and individual exercise areas should be constructed and maintained in such a condition as to prevent pooling of liquids.
- 1.3.3 In new constructions, it is recommended that floors should be laid to a minimum fall of 1 in 80 leading to a shallow drainage channel or effectively covered deep drainage channel.
- 1.3.4 Communal exercise areas should also be suitably drained to prevent pooling of liquids.

### **1.4 CEILINGS**

Ceilings must be capable of being easily cleaned and disinfected.

### **1.5 DOORS**

- 1.5.1 Kennel doors should be strong enough to resist impact and scratching and should be capable of being effectively secured.
- 1.5.2 Where metal bars and frames are used, they should be of suitable gauge with spacing adequate to prevent dogs escaping or becoming entrapped. Where metal edging is used, this should not present a risk of injury to the dog.
- 1.5.3 Door openings should be constructed such that the passage of water/waste is not impeded, or allowed to accumulate due to inaccessibility.

### **1.6 WINDOWS**

Windows should not pose a security risk and ideally should be escape proof for the protection of the dog as well as the public.

### **1.7 DRAINAGE**

The establishment must be connected to mains drainage or an approved sewerage disposal system.

### **1.8 LIGHTING**

- 1.8.1 During daylight hours light must be provided to exercise and sleeping areas so that all parts are clearly visible. Where practicable this should be natural light.
- 1.8.2 Adequate supplementary lighting must be provided throughout the establishment.

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### 1.9 VENTILATION

Ventilation must be provided to all interior areas without the creation of excessive, localised draughts in the sleeping area.

### 1.10 NUMBER OF DOGS PERMITTED

1.10.1 The maximum number of dogs to be kept at any one time is [ ] **to be determined by the Local Authority.**

### 1.11 KENNEL SIZE, LAYOUT AND EXERCISE FACILITIES

1.11.1 Kennels should be provided with an adequate size of sleeping area.

1.11.2 Bedding should be suitable to allow dogs to be comfortable. Bedding must be capable of being easily cleaned and sanitised and sited away from draughts. All bedding material in use should be clean, parasite free and dry.

1.11.3 Adequate exercise areas must be provided for all kennels.

1.11.4 Kennels should have a minimum height of 1.8 m (6 ft) to allow adequate access by kennel staff for cleaning.

1.11.5 Kennels and exercise areas should open onto secure corridors or other secure areas so that dogs are not able to escape from the premises.

1.11.6 Exercise areas should not be used as sleeping areas.

### 1.12 TEMPERATURE IN KENNELS

1.12.1 Heating facilities must be available in the kennel and used according to the requirements of the individual dog.

1.12.2 There must be some part of the sleeping area where the dog is able to enjoy a minimum temperature of 10°C (50°F) and a maximum temperature of 26°C (79°F).

### 1.13 CLEANLINESS

1.13.1 All kennels, corridors, common areas, kitchens and so on must be kept clean and free from accumulations of dirt and dust so that disease control is maintained and the dogs are comfortable.

1.13.2 Each occupied kennel must be cleaned daily. All excreta and soiled material must be removed from all areas used by the dogs at least daily and as necessary.

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- 1.13.3 All sleeping areas and bedding must be kept clean and dry.
- 1.13.4 Regular disinfection should be demonstrated by keeping records of disinfecting regimes.
- 1.13.5 Facilities must be provided for the proper reception, storage and disposal of waste. Particular care should be taken to segregate waste arising from the treatment and handling of dogs with infectious diseases. (See Isolation section at paragraph 3.3).
- 1.13.6 Measures must be taken to minimise the risks from rodents, insects and other pests within the breeding establishment. Such pests should be adequately dealt with without delay to eradicate the infestation.

## 2. Management

### 2.1 GENERAL

**Dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised and visited at suitable intervals;  
BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(b)**

### 2.2 SUPERVISION

2.2.1 A fit and proper person should always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies.

2.2.2 Dogs must be checked regularly throughout the day.

### 2.3 FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES

2.3.1 All dogs must be adequately supplied with suitable food. Clean water must be available at all times and changed daily.

2.3.2 Eating and drinking vessels must be capable of being easily cleansed and disinfected to prevent cross-contamination. They must be maintained in a clean condition and cleansed or disposed of after each meal.

### 2.4 KITCHEN FACILITIES

2.4.1 Exclusive facilities, hygienically constructed and maintained, should be provided for the storage and preparation of food for the dogs.

2.4.2 Where fresh and cooked meats are stored, refrigeration facilities must be provided. Food contamination must be avoided.

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2.4.3 A sink with hot and cold running water must be available for washing kitchen utensils and eating and drinking vessels. A separate hand basin with hot and cold running water should be provided for staff.

2.4.4 Containers for storing foods should be provided and should be constructed and maintained to guard against insects and other pests.

### 3. Disease control, vaccination and worming

#### 3.1 GENERAL

**All reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among dogs of infectious or contagious diseases;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(c)**

3.1.1. All dogs should be vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Canine Adenovirus), Leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola* and *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae*) and Canine Parvovirus. It may be necessary to vaccinate against other diseases and veterinary advice should be sought.

3.1.2 Advice from a veterinary surgeon must be sought where a dog shows signs of disease, injury or illness. A competent person must ensure this advice is followed.

#### 3.2 FIRST-AID KIT FOR DOGS

A fully stocked first-aid kit suitable for use on dogs and puppies should be available and accessible on the premises.

#### 3.3 ISOLATION FACILITIES

3.3.1 Isolation facilities should be provided.

3.3.2 Isolation facilities must be in compliance with the other licence conditions but must be physically isolated from the main kennels at a distance of at least 5 m (15 ft).

3.3.3 Adequate facilities to prevent the spread of infectious disease between isolation and other kennels must be provided.

3.3.4 Hands must be washed after leaving the isolation facilities before handling other dogs and visiting kennels.

### 4. Emergencies/Fire prevention

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### 4.1 GENERAL

**All appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(d)**

4.1.1 There should be an emergency evacuation plan and fire warning procedure in place. This should be posted where staff may become familiar with it. This procedure should include instructions dealing with where dogs are to be evacuated.

4.1.2 Fire fighting equipment and detectors should be properly maintained.

4.1.3 All electrical installations and appliances should be maintained in a safe condition. There should be a residual current circuit breaker system on each block of kennels.

4.1.4 Heating appliances should not be sited in a location or manner where they may present a risk of fire, or risk to dogs.

4.1.5 Precautions should be taken to prevent any accumulation of material which may present a risk of fire.

4.1.6 There should be adequate means of raising an alarm in the event of a fire or other emergency.

### 5. Transport

#### 5.1 GENERAL

**That all appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(e)**

### 6. Health and welfare of the breeding bitch

#### 6.1 MATING

**That bitches are not mated if they are less than one year old;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(f)**

#### 6.2 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LITTERS

**That bitches do not give birth to more than six litters of puppies each;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(g)**

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#### 6.3 TWELVE MONTHS BETWEEN LITTERS

**That bitches do not give birth to puppies before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which they last gave birth to puppies;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(h)**

#### 6.4 RECORD-KEEPING

**That accurate records in a form prescribed by regulations are kept at the premises and made available for inspection there by any officer of the local authority, or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, authorised by the local authority to inspect the premises;**

**BDA 1973 S. 1(4)(i)**

6.4.1 The Breeding of Dogs (Licensing Records) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No 3192) prescribe the form of records to be kept by licensed breeding establishments. These records must be accurate and kept on the premises and made available to local authority inspectors or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner authorised by the local authority.

6.4.2 A record must be kept by every licensed dog breeder for each breeding bitch providing the name of the bitch, date of birth, address where she is kept, breed, description, date of mating and details of sire. Licensed dog breeders must also keep a record of any litters, including the sex of the puppies, date of birth, weight, description and total number in the litter. The record must also show the details of sale, namely the date of sale, name and address of who was supplied and the status of the purchaser (ie, private owner or pet shop).