

**West Suffolk Council**  
**Dangerous Wild Animal Licence Conditions**

**Mandatory licence conditions**

1. No dangerous wild animals other than those specified in the schedule attached to the licence may be kept.
2. Whilst any animal is being kept under the authority of this licence:
  - a) No person other than the person or persons specified in the licence shall keep the animal(s).
  - b) The licence shall normally be held at such premises as are specified in the licence.
  - c) The animal shall not be moved from those premises except with the consent in writing of the Council and subject to conditions as may be specified in the consent. (Exception, see point 6 below)
  - d) The licensee shall at all times hold a current insurance policy which insures him/ her and any other person entitled to keep the animal under the authority of the licence against liability for any loss, damage or injury which may be caused, by the animal.
  - e) The terms of such policy shall be satisfactory in the opinion of the Council.
  - f) Emergency services must be notified of the presence of the animals.
3. The person to whom this licence is granted shall at all reasonable times make available a copy of the licence to any person entitled to keep any animals under authority of the licence.

**Standard licence conditions**

4. The person to whom the licence is granted shall ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken:
  - a) To protect the safety of the public, and
  - b) To ensure that no nuisance is caused to the public

In particular

- i) There should be clear legible signs forbidding unauthorised entry to be displayed in prominent positions, such as to be displayed on all boundaries of the premises.
- ii) There should be signs displayed detailing the name, postcode/grid reference and contact telephone numbers.

5. Any animal being kept under the Authority of the licence must:
  - a) be held in accommodation which ensures that the animal(s) cannot escape, kept securely locked, for example, by padlock or other suitable means when the animals are not being attended to, and all accommodation and enclosures must be maintained and kept in good condition,
  - b) be suitable as regards construction, size, temperature, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness and which is suitable for the number and species of animals proposed to be held in the accommodation and provide sufficient room for exercise,
  - c) be supplied with adequate and suitable food, drink and bedding material for each species and be visited at suitable intervals by a competent person;
  - d) appropriate steps will at all such times be taken for the protection of any animal concerned in case of fire or other emergency;
  - e) all reasonable precautions will be taken at all such times to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases and the services of a qualified Veterinary Surgeon, as identified on the application, who has experience to treat Dangerous Wild animals. Where there is a change in the appointed vet, this should be notified to this authority in writing with the details of the newly appointed Vet;
  
6. Notwithstanding condition 2(c) above, where an animal requires emergency veterinary attention and the treatment cannot be carried out at the premises, the animal may be moved from the premises at the request of a veterinary practitioner engaged by the licence holder. The animal must be transported in a vehicle suitable for the purpose. Vehicles and cages/transit carriers must be suitable for the number of animals carried and all reasonable steps taken to avoid suffering whilst in transit.
  
7. All animal movements on and off site, including mortality, must be kept and maintained in a suitable and accessible format for inspection. These records must be retained for at least 2 years.
  
8. The animal(s) shall not be exhibited to members of the public.
  
9. The person to whom the licence is granted shall ensure they notify the Council, the Police and Fire Service immediately they discover that an animal under their care, covered by the licence, has escaped captivity. This condition applies even if the animal(s) is recaptured.

10.A Council approved written procedure of action to be taken in the event of an escape, must be submitted to the Council, the Police and to the person in charge of the animals at any particular time. This procedure must detail telephone contact numbers, name and address for a person who is competent to use either a tranquilising dart gun or holds a current firearms certificate for shooting the animal(s) in the event of escape.

11.Any other conditions the Local Authority considers fit to include.

### **Recommended additional licence conditions – wild boar**

1. The Council's licensing section must be provided with an up-to-date site plan and detailed layout plan of the area devoted to wild boar.
2. The detailed plan(s) should show clearly the position of access roads and footways, perimeter and safety fences, sties, breeding and isolation facilities.
3. Perimeter Fencing – Stock fencing must be buried/sunk to a depth of 300mm (1foot) and be at least 1.35 metres (4 foot 6 inches) high. The fence must completely surround the enclosure containing the wild boar.
4. Electric Fencing – Working electric fencing must be provided within the perimeter fencing and checked that it is working effectively at each visit.
5. Supervision – At least one person who holds a current firearms certificate and who is within and no more than 15 minutes travelling time from the site must be nominated by the Licensee to attend the site with a suitable firearm, in the event of any wild boar escaping from the site. In the event that a nominated person uses a firearm to deal with any stray boar, they must do so in accordance with the terms and conditions stated on their firearms certificate.

### **Recommended additional licence conditions – Primates**

The Licensee will comply with the requirements of the model condition within the Code of Practice for the welfare of privately kept non-human primates published by Defra.

## **Recommended additional licence conditions – Venomous snakes, spiders, reptiles and scorpions**

The conditions below reflect model conditions relevant to the keeping of venomous animals, including snakes, spiders, reptiles and scorpions:

1. The animals must be kept in appropriately sized accommodation inside a locked vivarium/unit located in a sealed and locked room, with a double door entry and a glass panel to see into the room before entry.
2. Notices must be displayed on the entrance to the building and on each individual cage identifying each species and that it is venomous.
3. Envenomation protocols for each species must be displayed in the room in which the animals are accommodated. Telephone numbers of poison control and two doctors who can respond to bites from the animals should be displayed.
4. At least \*\*\* snake hooks must be available for use. (snakes only)
5. Feeding forceps must be available for use.
6. Protective mask must be available for use and worn at all times particularly where the snake is of the spitting species. (snakes only)