

ANIMAL PERFORMANCES

The Animal & Veterinary Service (“AVS”) is a cluster of the National Parks Board, a statutory board constituted under the National Parks Board Act (Cap. 198A).

A Animal performances are considered as animal exhibitions and must be licensed in accordance with the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules 2004. Below are the licence conditions.

B Traveling entertainment troupes, such as circuses, are not allowed to bring in performing wild animals or conduct wild animal acts.

C The Director-General reserves the right to impose further condition(s) as he deems fit and / or may take enforcement action in the form of composition or suspension or revocation of the said licence on the breach of any of its condition(s), issued in accordance with the aforesaid Rules.

CONDITIONS

1 The animals must be trained and handled in a humane manner that is proper and safe for the animals and according to acceptable training and animal welfare norms.

2 The animals must not be forced to perform acts considered unnatural for the animal.

3 Only healthy animals that are suited to performing are to be used.

4 The animals must be adequately housed and managed properly. Clean drinking water must be provided at all times, as appropriate.

5 Measures must be taken to ensure that the animals are comfortable, protected from being disturbed by the public and minimally stressed.

6 Any animal that falls ill or becomes diseased must be promptly checked and treated by a licensed practicing veterinarian.

7 The animals must have sufficient rest in between performances.

8 Animals listed under CITES Appendices I and II must not be used, unless prior approval has been obtained from NParks.

9 The animals must not pose a danger to the public.

10 Proper records of all animals must be kept and made available for inspection by AVS officers.

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