CONDITIONS FOR DOG BOARDING AND BREEDING

Housing & Management

1. Every dog must be provided with shade and shelter. The area where the dogs are kept must be well ventilated.

2. There must be secure areas for the dogs to exercise. The exercise area can be an attached run (of at least the same size as the kennel) or it can be a large communal area suitable for dogs of any breed. The large communal area must not be used as a kennel.

3. During washing of kennels and runs, water and waste must not spill across kennels and runs.

4. Kennels and attached runs must be kept clean and dry, the exception being during housekeeping. Communal exercise areas must be kept clean.

5. Separate areas must be provided for food storage, preparation and washing of utensils. Opened packets of dry food must be stored in a cool and dry environment.

6. Dogs that are sick or injured must be isolated from other animals.

7. The cage / enclosure structure must be safe for the animals and must not be damaged or have corroded surfaces with uneven or sharp edges.

8. The flooring must provide firm and safe support for the animals, and must not have gaps wide enough for the animals’ feet to get entrapped.

9. All dogs must be provided with clean drinking water at all times. Drinking containers must be kept clean.

10. Dogs for boarding, breeding and training must be kept in separate buildings / demarcated areas of the farm.

Healthcare

11. The farm must have a healthcare and disease prevention programme and have records of veterinary visits and treatments prescribed. The programme must cover the following:
   a. Vaccination, de-worming, control of external and internal parasites (on a monthly basis if advised by a licensed veterinarian);
   b. Diet and nutrition;
   c. Management in the event of outbreak of illness or disease;
   d. Pest control programme as well as daily sanitation and cleaning regime;
   e. Veterinary treatment and follow up; and
   f. NParks/AVS must be informed immediately on the outbreak of a notifiable disease.

12. The farm must have a veterinarian to advise on healthcare and disease prevention. The veterinarian must be licensed by NParks/AVS.

13. All breeding dogs must undergo an annual health check by a licensed veterinarian. The check must be documented by the veterinarian’s report and produced during NParks/AVS’ inspection.

14. All carcasses must be double bagged and disposed properly or cremated. The farm must produce supporting evidence (i.e., cremation or death certificate to be kept for NParks/AVS inspection for at least 1 year).

15. If the farm intends to dock the dogs’ tails and / or their dew claws, the docking must only be carried out by a licensed veterinarian.

16. Documentary proof of the surgical procedures must be kept at the farm for at least 1 year and produced for NParks/AVS inspection at all times.

Dog Boarding

17. Boarding kennel dimensions must not be smaller than the following:
   a. Small breed dogs (< 15 kg) - 1.2 m by 1.0 m or 1.2 m²
   b. Medium breed dogs (15 – 25 kg) – 1.5 m by 1.2 m or 1.8 m²
   c. Large breed dogs (> 25 kg) – 1.8 m by 1.2 m or 2.2 m²
   d. Extra large breed dogs, e.g. Great Dane – 2.2 m by 1.5 m or 3.3 m²

Note: If 2 or more dogs are kept together, they must be compatible. Each dog must be able to move, turn around without hitting the sides of the kennel, stand upright, lie down and stretch. Fight injuries will be considered as a sign of incompatibility.

18. All incoming dogs must be up-to-date on their vaccinations according to the vaccine manufacturer’s guideline or veterinarian’s recommendation.

19. Licensee must ensure that all dogs for boarding must be licensed. If the dog is unlicensed, licensee must inform NParks/AVS immediately and take down the particulars of the owner.

20. All dogs for boarding must be identified and their owners’ information made available for NParks/AVS inspection upon request.

Dog Breeding
21. Breeding dogs may be kept in kennels, pens or cages.
   a. Pregnant, whelping and nursing dogs must be kept individually.
   b. For dogs kept individually, the dimensions of the housing shall meet all the following:
      (1) For kennels, the dimensions must follow condition 17; and
      (2) For pens and cages, the dimensions must be at least:
         a. Length = 2 x length of the animal from nose to base of tail; and
         b. Width = 1.5 x the length of the animal from nose to base of tail.
         c. Height = Sufficient headroom to stand upright on its hind legs.

22. If 2 or more dogs are kept together, they must be compatible. Each dog must have enough headroom to stand upright on hind legs, lie down and stretch and be able to move, turn around without hitting the sides of the kennel. Fight injuries will be considered as a sign of incompatibility.
   a. Each dog must have a floor area equivalent to at least:
      (1) Length = 1.5 x Length of longest dog from nose to base of tail; and
      (2) Width = 1.5 x Length of longest dog from nose to base of tail.
   [Note : As animals grow, the cage size may not meet condition 21b or 22. The licensee will be allowed to rectify this provided the cages / enclosures which did not meet the requirement do not exceed 20% (rounded up) of the total number of the cages/enclosures used.]

23. For whelping and nursing dogs, if a nest box is used (for puppies 3 weeks or younger), the box must be large enough to comfortably accommodate the dog when she is fully stretched out. The sides of the nest box should be high enough to confine the puppies but allow the dog to step out. There must be a separate area where the dog can have time out from her puppies, to exercise or relieve herself.

24. Cages and pens must not be placed in walkways or unsheltered or poorly sheltered areas.

25. Cages must not be stacked on top of each other unless:
   a. Cages are placed securely on a frame or secured to the wall;
   b. Waste and wastewater can be effectively prevented from spilling into the cages below; and
   c. There are no more than 2 tiers per stack.

26. The farm must not breed bitches:
   a. Under 12 months of age;
   b. At their first heat;
   c. At every heat [the female must be allowed to rest at the next heat following birth];
   d. That have undergone 2 caesareans;
   e. Above 6 years of age; or
   f. That have produced puppies with genetic defects [also applicable to stud dogs].

27. All retired breeding dogs must be kept separately from breeding dogs and segregated according to their sex.

28. The licensee must only source for breeding dogs from NParks/AVS licensed pet farms / shops, imported from overseas, or from NParks/AVS approved sources.
   [Note : Licensees can write in to NParks/AVS to seek approval to get their breeding dogs from other sources. Licensees must not acquire the dogs unless NParks/AVS has given approval. NParks/AVS’ decision will be final.]

Record Keeping

29. The licensee must maintain accurate record on breeding dogs and puppies produced according to the format provided by NParks/AVS.

30. Any changes to the status of the breeding dogs and puppies must be updated in the record by the next working day.

31. The record must be submitted to NParks/AVS by the 5th day of every month.

32. The record in 29 must be kept for one year and made available at all times at the premises for NParks/AVS’ inspection.

Regulatory Requirements

33. The licensee and the staff responsible for the day-to-day running of the farm must attend mandatory training (on pet care and management) at a teaching institution approved by NParks/AVS, except for staff who are qualified veterinarians or veterinary technicians / nurses.

34. Prior approval must be obtained from NParks/AVS to keep other types of animals on the farm. Conditions will be imposed and must be complied with.
CONDITIONS FOR DISPLAY AND SALE OF DOGS AND CATS

HOUSING & MANAGEMENT

35. For animals kept individually, the dimensions of the cages / enclosures shall meet all the following:
   a. Length = At least 2 x length of the animal from nose to base of tail;
   b. Width = At least 1.5 x the length of the animal from nose to base of tail;
   c. Height = Sufficient headroom to stand upright on its hind legs.

If it is an odd shape enclosure, the floor area must be at least 2 x 1.5 times the length of the animal.

36. For animals kept together, they must be compatible. The dimensions of the cage / enclosure shall meet the following:
   a. Length = At least 1.5 x length of the longest animal from nose to base of tail;
   b. Width = At least 1.5 x the length of the longest animal from nose to base of tail;
   c. Height = Sufficient headroom to stand upright on its hind legs.

Each dog must be able to move, turn around without hitting the sides of the cages / enclosures, stand upright, lie down and stretch. Fight injuries will be considered as a sign of incompatibility.

[Note : As animals grow, the cage size may not meet condition 35 and 36. The licensee will be allowed to rectify this provided the cages / enclosures which did not meet the requirement do not exceed 20% (rounded up) of the total number of the cages / enclosures used.]

37. The cage / enclosure structure must be safe for the animals and must not be damaged or have corroded surfaces with uneven or sharp edges.

38. The cage / enclosure must be kept clean and dry, the exception being during housekeeping.

39. The flooring must provide firm and safe support for the animals, and must not have gaps wide enough for the animals’ feet to get entrapped.

HEALTHCARE

40. All animals displayed for sale must be healthy.

41. Sick, diseased and injured animals must be removed from display, isolated and treated by a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian must certify that the animal is recovered before it can again be displayed for sale.

42. NParks/AVS must be informed immediately on the outbreak of a notifiable disease.

43. Animals that are pregnant or nursing young must not be displayed.

44. Clean drinking water must be provided at all times. Drinking containers must be kept clean.

45. Puppies kept at the shop must be at least 9 weeks old and have received two vaccinations and rested at least one week following the 2nd vaccination.
   a. Puppies must be vaccinated against canine distemper, parvovirus and infectious hepatitis.

46. Kittens kept at the shop must be at least 12 weeks old and have received two vaccinations and rested at least one week following the 2nd vaccination.
   a. Kittens must be vaccinated against feline rhinotracheitis virus, calicivirus and panleukopenia virus.

47. All animals must be treated with a deworming product at least 2 times by the 2nd vaccination. The vaccination card must state the product used, and the date of each treatment.

48. Each animal must have a vaccination card with the following information:
   a. Microchip number, breed, sex, age, colour of the animal;
   b. Name and type of vaccine; and
   c. Name and signature of the licensed veterinarian who performed the vaccination.

49. The card must be available for inspection at all times, and must accompany the animal when it is sold or transferred to another location.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Record Keeping

50. Each animal in the shop must be accounted for. The licensee shall maintain and submit an up-to-date record (according to the format given by NParks/AVS) by the 5th of every month with all the details in the fields accurately filled up.

51. The record must be updated by the next working day, whenever there are any changes to the status of the animals, and produced to NParks/AVS for inspection, as and when required. The record must be kept at the pet shop for at least one year.

52. The licensee must only source for puppies from NParks/AVS licensed pet farms / shops, imported from overseas, or from NParks/AVS approved sources.

[Note : Licensees can write in to NParks/AVS to seek approval to get puppies from other sources. Licensees must not acquire the puppies unless NParks/AVS has given approval. NParks/AVS’ decision will be final].
53. The licensee must keep documentary proof on the source of animals at the shop for NParks/AVS' inspection at all times.
   a. For animals purchased from licensed farms or another pet retailer, the invoice / receipt must reflect:
      (1) The name of the company where the animals were purchased;
      (2) Date of purchase; and
      (3) Details of animals, e.g., breed, microchip number, sex and colour.
   b. For imported animals, the licensee must keep a copy of the NParks/AVS import permit at the shop.

54. The licensee must keep a staff register in the shop for at least 1 year for NParks/AVS’ inspection at all times according to the format given by NParks/AVS.

Microchipping

55. Puppies must be microchipped by 9 weeks old.

56. Kittens must be microchipped by 12 weeks old.

57. The shop must carry a microchip scanner to verify the identity of each microchipped animal.

Sale

58. All dogs kept at the pet shop for sale must be licensed with NParks/AVS.

59. Imported animals can only be sold after they have been rested at least 72 hours after arriving in Singapore. (This does not apply to animals which have been quarantined at the NParks/AVS Quarantine Station.)

60. When a dog is sold, the shop must not release the dog to the new owner until the new owner has accepted the change of dog ownership in NParks/AVS system.

61. Only the types of animals for which NParks/AVS has given written approval to display and sell are to be kept at the premises.

62. The following scheduled dog breeds must not be displayed or sold at the shop premises:
   a. Pit Bull which includes the American Pit Bull Terrier (also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier), American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier and the American Bulldog
   b. Akita
   c. Neapolitan Mastiff
   d. Tosa
   e. Dogo Argentino
   f. Fila Brasileiro
   g. Boerboel
   h. Perro de Presa Canario
   i. Crosses of (a) to (h)

63. The shop must not sell animals to individuals who have not reached 16 years of age.

64. The shop must conduct a pre-sale screening to ensure that the customer is well-informed and can be a responsible pet owner.

65. To document the fulfilment of Licence Conditions 63 and 64, the pet buyer and pet retailer must complete the NParks/AVS Pet Purchase Declaration (PPD) form. All physical PPD forms (in the last 1 year for sale of cats) must be made available at all times in the shop for NParks/AVS' inspection.

Others

66. The number of animals kept at the premises must not exceed the number approved by NParks/AVS.

67. Animal breeding must not be carried out in the pet shop.

68. Animal boarding and daycare must not be carried out on the premises without prior written approval from NParks/AVS and other appropriate authorities.

69. Animals for grooming must be kept in separate rooms from animals for sale.

70. All animals must be kept in their designated display areas approved by NParks/AVS. Any change of location of the animal display area must be approved by NParks/AVS.

71. Animals must not be displayed outside the shop premises unless the licensee has obtained prior written permission from the relevant building or area management.

72. The licensee and the staff responsible for the day-to-day management and care of the animals in the shop must attend mandatory training (on pet care and management) at a teaching institution approved by NParks/AVS, except for staff who are qualified veterinarians or veterinary technicians / nurses.

73. Shops with a grade must display their latest Grade Decal prominently.

74. The licensee must indicate the pet shop licence number in all forms of advertisements, including those posted online.

75. The shop must display an emergency contact number on the shop front for the public to call in the event of an emergency and have an evacuation protocol in place. (Shops in buildings with security arrangements are exempted.)

76. The licensee must comply with all additional licensing conditions stipulated by NParks/AVS.

77. The licensee must comply fully with all requirements of other regulatory agencies.