

BVA/BVZS Template for a Veterinary Inspection under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

The Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 requires that any person who wishes to keep a dangerous wild animal as specified in the Schedule must first obtain a DWA licence from the appropriate Local Authority. Inspection of the premises by a veterinary surgeon and consideration of their report is obligatory before the Local Authority may grant a DWA licence.

Although any registered veterinary surgeon can be approached by local authorities to carry out DWA inspections BVZS and BVA believe it is advisable that only individuals with the relevant experience of the species under consideration would be advised to carry out inspections for DWA licences. Such individuals may be listed on the Secretary of States List for Inspections under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 or possess recognised post graduate qualifications in zoological and wildlife medicine. A list of members with appropriate qualifications and contact details is available on the BVZS website or via the RCVS

BVA and BVZS recommend the use of this standard inspection template to ensure conformity in DWA licence inspections. This template should be used taking into account the accompanying supporting guidance for the species concerned.

Date of inspection

New application/ renewal (**delete as necessary**)

Start time

Finish time

Applicant's full name

Applicant's full address:

Applicant's date of birth

Applicant's occupation

Applicant's contact details:

Mobile

Home phone number

Work phone number

Email

Contact details of an alternative keeper at times of applicant's absence:

Mobile

Home phone number

Work phone number

Email

Full Address of premises where inspection was carried out:

Address of Local Authority:

Contact name for Local Authority

Local Authority Phone number

List of Animals to be kept subject to Licence as specified on the application

Species Name	Number	Sex	Age

Inspection (See specific guidance notes for individual species)

1. Type of structure or enclosure in which animal is kept

2. Construction

3. Length

Breadth

Height

4. Is the size and construction satisfactory for the well-being and comfort of the animal?

Yes No

If no, state reasons

5. Are there adequate provisions and furniture to enable the animal to take sufficient exercise?

Yes No

If no, give details

6. Is the temperature control satisfactory?

Yes No

7. Is adequate artificial lighting provided?

Yes No

8. Is adequate ventilation provided?

Yes No

9. Is the drainage of the structure satisfactory?

Yes No

10. Is the standard of cleanliness maintained satisfactory?

Yes No

11. Are all the necessary precautions taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious disease?

Yes No

If no provide details

12. Are the animals supplied with:

a) suitable food

b) drink

c) bedding or substrate

Yes No

13. Is storage of food, drink and bedding hygienic and vermin proof?

Yes No

14. Are appropriate steps at all times taken to protect the animals in case of fire or other emergency?

Yes No

If no provide details

15. Do the precautions taken to ensure that the animal will not escape appear to be satisfactory?

Yes No

If no provide details

16. Are the arrangements for the storage and disposal of any refuse and/or waste associated with the keeping of the animal satisfactory?

Yes No

If no provide details

17. If present are the animals inspected as described in the application in good health and condition?

Yes No

If no provide details

18. In your opinion does the applicant demonstrate the relevant knowledge and skills to be suitable person to hold the licence?

Yes No

19. Has the applicant made arrangements for appropriate 24 hour veterinary care for the animals subject to the Licence

Yes No

Contact details of 24 hour practice

20. Has the applicant provided evidence current public liability insurance is in place:

Yes No

Owner Declaration

I hereby certify that I have produced for Inspection all the animals on the premises which come within the terms of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 and have indicated all parts of the premises where any animal may normally be kept in pursuance of a licence for which I have made application.

Signed

Date

Professional Opinion

- 1) I confirm that in my professional opinion a DWA licence should be issued to the applicant

- 2) I confirm a DWA licence should be issued subject to the following conditions being met by the applicant

- 3) I confirm a DWA licence should be refused for the following reasons:

General Conditions

1. While any animal is being kept under the authority of the Licence:-
 - a. Animals kept under this licence are the responsibility of the named person specified above or a competent individual nominated by the Licence holder above
 - b. The animals shall be held at such premises as are specified above
 - c. The person to whom the Licence is granted shall hold a current insurance policy which insures him and any other person entitled to keep the animals under the authority of the Licence against liability for any damage which may be caused by the animal, the terms of such policy being satisfactory to the authority.
2. The person to whom the Licence is granted shall ensure that all responsible precautions are taken to protect the safety of the public.
3. Any animal which is being kept under the authority of the Licence shall be:
 - a. held in accommodation which ensures that the animal will not escape, which is suitable as regards construction, size, temperature, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness, and which is suitable for the number of animals proposed to be held in the accommodation.
 - b. supplied with adequate and suitable food, drink and bedding material and be visited at suitable intervals by a competent person.
 - c. Provided with accommodation that shall be such that they can exhibit normal behaviour.
4. Any addition of species not specified above and covered by the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 held at the site must be notified to the Local Authority representative in writing (including email).
5. Appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of animals in case of fire or other emergency
6. A register should be maintained that details all acquisitions and dispositions (such as sale, death, or loan) including source for acquisitions, and for dispositions to include species (both vernacular and species name), age, sex, current and previous owner's full name and address. In addition copies should be retained of all DWA Licences for a period of at least six (6) years.
7. Any change in contact details for the Licence holder must be notified to the Local Authority in writing (including email) within 7 days of that change occurring, this includes updating any contact details on any emergency protocols pertaining to this licence.
8. Temporary removal from the premises or disposal of any animal subject to the conditions of this Licence must be notified to the Local Authority within 7 days of the change occurring.

Signature.....

Date

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