



## PROVIDING HOME BOARDING FOR DOGS SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

### Interpretation

In this Part—

“designated room” means a room within the home allocated to a dog;

“home” means a domestic dwelling on which the licensable activity of providing home boarding for dogs is carried on.

### Home

- (1) Dogs must be accommodated within the home.
- (2) The home must include—
  - (a) direct access to a private, non-communal, secure and hazard-free external area, and
  - (b) at least two secure physical barriers between any dog and any entrance to or exit from it.

### Suitable environment

- (1) Dogs from different households may only be boarded at the same time with the written consent of every owner.
- (2) Each dog must be provided with its own designated room where it can, if necessary, be kept separate from other dogs.
- (3) Each dog must have a clean, comfortable and warm area within its designated room where it can rest and sleep.
- (4) Each designated room must have a secure window to the outside that can be opened and closed as necessary.
- (5) A dog must not be confined in a crate for longer than three hours in any 24-hour period.
- (6) A dog must not be kept in a crate unless—
  - (a) it is already habituated to it,
  - (b) a crate forms part of the normal routine for the dog, and
  - (c) the dog’s owner has consented to the use of a crate.
- (7) Any crate in which a dog is kept must be in good condition and sufficiently large for the dog to sit and stand in it at full height, lie flat and turn around.

### Suitable diet

Each dog must be fed separately in its designated room unless its owner has given written consent to the contrary.

### Monitoring of behaviour and training

- (1) Any equipment that a dog is likely to be in contact with and any toy provided must not pose a risk of pain, suffering, disease or distress to the dog and must be correctly used.
- (2) Each dog must be exercised at least once daily as appropriate for its age and health.

- (3) Dogs which on the advice of a veterinarian cannot be exercised must be provided with alternative forms of mental stimulation.

#### **Housing with or apart from other dogs**

- (1) Written consent must be obtained from the owner or owners (as the case may be) to keep dogs together in a designated room.
- (2) Unneutered bitches must be prevented from mating.
- (3) If any person aged under 16 years resides at the home, there must be procedures in place to regulate the interactions between the dogs and that person.

#### **Records**

- (1) A register must be kept of all the dogs accommodated in the home which must include—
  - (a) the dates of each dog's arrival and departure;
  - (b) each dog's name, age, sex, neuter status, microchip number and a description of it or its breed;
  - (c) the number of any dogs from the same household;
  - (d) a record of which dogs (if any) are from the same household;
  - (e) the name, postal address, telephone number (if any) and email address (if any) of the owner of each dog and emergency contact details;
  - (f) in relation to each dog, the name, postal address, telephone number and email address of a local contact in an emergency;
  - (g) the name and contact details of each dog's normal veterinarian and details of any insurance relating to the dog;
  - (h) details of each dog's relevant medical and behavioural history, including details of any treatment administered against parasites and restrictions on exercise;
  - (i) details of each dog's diet and related requirements;
  - (j) any required consent forms;
  - (k) a record of the date or dates of each dog's most recent vaccination, worming and flea treatments;
  - (l) details of any medical treatment each dog is receiving.
- (2) When outside the premises, each dog must wear an identity tag which includes the licence holder's name and contact details.

#### **Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease**

- (1) Before a dog is admitted for boarding, all equipment to be used by or in relation to that dog must be cleaned and disinfected.
- (2) A preventative healthcare plan agreed with the veterinarian with whom the licence holder has registered under paragraph 9(8) of Schedule 2 must be implemented.