

Breeding of Dogs Act 1973  
Application for licence to keep a  
dog breeding establishment

Please fill in details in the boxes below		
1. Name of applicant		
2. Address		
3. Telephone number		
4. Name and address of premises to be licensed		
5. Type of accommodation to be used (Please circle appropriate answer)		
Wholly indoors	Wholly outdoors	Combination of indoors and outdoors
6. Breed of dogs concerned		
7. Number of bitches kept		
8. Ages of bitches kept		
9. Construction of outside kennels if any		
10. Heating arrangements if any		
11. Lighting arrangements		

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12. Food storage facilities	
13. Arrangements for disposal of dog waste	
14. Are you disqualified from:	
a) keeping a dog breeding establishment;	Yes/No
b) keeping a pet shop;	Yes/No
c) keeping a dog;	Yes/No
d) having custody of animals; or	Yes/No
e) keeping an animal boarding establishment.	Yes/No
Please give the following information about the accommodation which the dogs will occupy	
Construction	
Size of quarters	
Number of occupants	
Exercising facilities	

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I agree to permit an officer, veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner appointed by you to inspect the breeding establishment before any licence is issued and pay additional charges for veterinary inspection.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above particulars are true.

Signed.....

Date.....

Please return the form to

**Environmental Health and Consumer Protection Service  
Knowsley Council  
Yorkon Building  
Archway Road  
Huyton  
L36 9FB**

**I enclose the sum of £        being the amount of the fee payable on the licence applied for.**

**Please make cheques payable to Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.**

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<b>Date received</b>	
<b>Fee received</b>	

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**Licence Conditions Guidance**

1. Provided suitable bedding material for the breed and ensure adequate exercise is given. Where cages are provided, these must be of sufficient size for a dog to lie down, stand up, turn around comfortably and defecate away for the sleeping area.
2. Temperature of the sleeping accommodation should be a minimum of 10°C (50°F) and a maximum temperature of 26°C (79°F). Open flame heating appliances should not be used.
3. Natural and artificial lighting should be provided. Low level night light is recommended.
4. An adequate supply of suitable food and clean water should be available at all times. There should be adequate refrigeration to keep food fresh, particularly for fresh and cooked meats.
5. Eating and drinking vessels must be capable of being easily cleaned.
6. Whelping should not take place in a domestic kitchen. If there are children in the house, there should be separate facilities for food preparation.
7. Reasonable precautions should be taken to prevent and control the spread amongst the dogs of any infectious diseases. All dogs should be vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Leptospirosis and Canine Parvovirus.
8. A first-aid kit suitable for use on dogs and puppies should be available and accessible. Your vet will advise on contents appropriate for your breed of dog.
9. A fit and proper person should always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies. Dogs must be regularly checked throughout the day.

**Guidance on licence conditions for non-domestic breeders (i.e. breeders who keep dogs in kennelling which is not within the house)**

1. Walls, floors and ceilings should be capable of being easily cleaned and disinfected. Great care must be taken when using and storing bleach; always follow the manufacturers' instructions. Phenolic disinfectants should not be used around dogs.
2. Wood must be smooth and treated to render it impervious; it should not be used on exposed surfaces of walls, floors, partitions, door frames or doors in the dog kennelling area. All exterior wood should be treated against wood rot using a non-toxic coating.
3. Wall with which dogs may come into contact must be of smooth impervious materials. Where concrete or other building blocks or bricks are used they should be sealed so as to be smooth and impervious.

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4. Floors in kennels exercise areas should be smooth and impervious and be constructed and maintained so as to prevent pooling of liquids. A minimum fall of 1 in 80 is recommended.
5. Kennels should be provided with an adequate size of sleeping area for the breed. Dogs should be able to lie down, turn around and stand comfortably in the sleeping area, with sufficient space for the door to open fully. Adequate exercise areas should be provided and partition walls between kennels and individual exercise areas should be of solid construction to a minimum height of 1.2 metres (4 feet)
6. Windows and doors should be strong and secure.
7. Sleeping areas in kennels must be insulated to prevent extremes of temperature. Bedding should have sufficient depth to allow the dog protection against draughts and must be capable of being easily cleaned.
8. The establishment should be connected to mains drainage or a sewerage system of an approved type.
9. During daylight hours light must be provided to exercise and sleeping areas so that all parts are clearly visible. Where practicable this should be natural light. Adequate supplementary lighting must be provided throughout the establishment.
10. Ventilation must be provided to all interior areas without the creation of excessive, localised draughts in the sleeping area.
11. Isolation facilities should be available when required. The isolation facility must be physically isolated from other dogs.
12. All kennels and exercise areas must be kept clean and free from accumulation of dirt. Each kennel must be cleaned daily and regularly disinfected. Sleeping areas and bedding must be kept clean and dry. Measures must be taken to minimise the risk from rodents, insects and other pests.

**Guidance on kitchen facilities**

1. Storage and preparation facilities for food should be hygienically constructed and maintained to a high standard. Please be mindful of the risks posed by the dog roundworm parasite *Toxocara canis*, particularly if children are likely to come into contact with the dogs or their feeding equipment.
2. Fresh and cooked meats should always be stored in a refrigerator. Other food should be stored in vermin and insect proof containers.
3. A sink with hot and cold running water is essential. It is recommended that a separate hand basin with hot and cold running water is also provided.

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**Guidance on Record Keeping**

1. The form of record to be kept by licensed dog breeder for each breeding bitch as prescribed in The Breeding of Dogs (Licensing Records) Regulations 1999 is detailed below.

Name	Date of birth	Address where kept	Breed	Description*	Date of mating	Details of sire**	Details of litter								Total number in litter
							Male				Female				
							Date of birth	Weight	Description	Sale details***	Date of birth	Weight	Description*	Sale details***	

\* Enter name (in the case of puppies) colour, identifying features (if any) and registration number (if any)

\*\* Enter name, address where kept, breed, colour and registration number (if any)

\*\*\* Enter date of sale, and name, address and status (for example, private/pet shop) of purchaser.

**Guidance on transportation**

1. Suitable food, clean drinking water and bedding should be provided.
2. Dogs should be adequately exercised whilst being transported to and from the breeding establishment.
3. It is recommended that records are kept of how and when your dogs are transported.

**Guidance on emergencies/fire prevention**

1. All appropriate steps should be taken for the protection of the dogs in case of fire or other emergency. You should have in place and emergency evacuation plan which should be practised at least annually.  
The fitting of smoke detectors is recommended.
2. Open flame heat appliances should not be used.
3. All electrical installations and appliances should be maintained in a safe condition.

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**Further Guidance**

You are recommended to purchase the following books which offers more detailed guidance if needed:

*'Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 and 1971 Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 Guidance and Model Conditions for Local Authorities and their Authorised Officers and Veterinary Inspectors for the Licensing of Breeding Establishment'*

Published by BVA Publications, 7 Mansfield Street, London, W1M 0AT – Tel: 020 7636 6541

**A copy of the licence should be suitably displayed to the public in a prominent position in the dog breeding establishment.**