

Application for an animal activity licence

A Details of applicants

Title

First name(s)

Surname

Address inc post code

Phone (home)

Phone (mobile)

Email address

Date of Birth

National Insurance No.

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B Details of premises to be used in relation to the activity / activities

Trading name

Address of premises
inc post code

Licensable activities

Which activity or activities are you applying for a licence to carry on?

Breeding dogs	Please complete Section C of this form
Hiring out horses	Please complete Section D of this form
Selling animals as pets	Please complete Section E of this form
Providing boarding for cats	Please complete Section F of this form
Providing boarding in kennels for dogs	Please complete Section G of this form
Providing home boarding for dogs	Please complete Section G of this form
Providing day care for dogs	Please complete Section G of this form
Keeping or training animals for exhibition	Please complete Section H of this form

C Breeding dogs

Details of dogs to be bred

Breed	Number of breeding bitches kept	Age of breeding bitches
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D Hiring out horse

Number of horses

How many horses/ponies are kept under the terms of the Act at the present time?

How many horses/ponies is it intended to keep under the terms of the Act during the year?

Please also complete Schedule 1 at the end of this form in order to provide details of the horses that will be used in relation to the licensable activity.

Insurance

Are you the holder of a valid certificate of public liability insurance which:

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| (i) insures you against liability for any injury sustained by, and the death of, any client, and | Yes | No |
| (ii) Insures any client against liability for any injury sustained by, and the death of, any other person, caused by or arising out of the hire of the horse? | Yes | No |

Please enclose a copy of this policy.

E Selling animals as pets

Details of animals that it is proposed to offer for sale

Type of animals	Proposed numbers	Details of accommodation	Proposed age at sale
Dogs			
Cats			
Rabbits and Cavies			
Hamsters			
Rats			
Mice			
Gerbils			
Parrots			
Other large birds			
Budgerigars, Finches and other Small Birds			
Tropical fish			
Marine fish			
Cold water fish			
Snakes and Lizards			
Tortoises			
Any other species (please specify)			

F Number of cats to be accommodated at any one time

How many cats do you propose to provide or arrange to provide accommodation for at any one time?

G Number of dogs to be accommodated at any one time

How many dogs do you propose to provide or arrange to provide accommodation for at any one time?

H Keeping or training animals for exhibition

Details of the animals kept or trained for exhibition

Common name of species	Scientific name of species	Numbers to be kept / trained
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Insurance

Do you hold valid public liability insurance in respect of the licensable activity of keeping or training animals for exhibition?

Yes

No

Please enclose a copy of this policy.

ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF THIS FORM

Disqualifications

Are you or any person connected with the application, disqualified from applying for a licence for any reason set out in Schedule 8 of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018? Yes No

Please refer to guidance note 2.

Veterinary surgeon details

Name of veterinary surgeon

Address of veterinary surgeon
inc post code

Declarations

I understand that the Authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information I have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. I understand that it may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

I declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have not wilfully omitted any necessary material. I understand that if there are any wilful omissions, or incorrect statements made, my application may be refused without further consideration or, if a licence has been issued, it may be liable to immediate suspension or revocation.

I understand that the Authority is collecting my data for the purposes described on this form and will not be used for any other purpose, or passed on to any other body, except as required by law, without my consent.

Signature

Print name

Date

Please return your completed form with any relevant supporting documents and the appropriate application fee (cheques must be made payable to East Herts District Council) to:

Environmental Health
East Herts Council
Wallfields
Pegs Lane
Hertford
SG13 8EQ

Schedule 1 – Hiring out horses

List of horses for inspection

Name	Age	Colour	Sex	Height (approx)	Microchip number
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Guidance notes on applying for an Animal Activity Licence

Guidance Note 1 – Application process

The steps involved in the application process are set out below. Wherever possible, we aim to complete the application process within 10 weeks of receiving the application.

1. The applicant submits their application form and the relevant application fee to the local authority.
2. A suitably qualified inspector will arrange to visit the relevant premises and carry out an inspection to establish if a licence can be granted and what star rating will apply to the premises concerned (the length of licence to be issued will depend on the star rating awarded by the inspector).
3. The applicant is informed of the outcome of the inspection, the star rating that will apply and the length of licence that they have been deemed eligible for.
4. The applicant pays the relevant licence fee for the length of licence they have qualified for along with any invoice relating to vet inspection fees (if applicable)
5. Once the licence fee and any applicable vet inspection fees have been received, the licence will be issued for the relevant period of time.

A table of licence fees and more detailed guidance on these is also enclosed

Guidance Note 2 – Persons who may not apply for a licence

Regulation 11 sets out details of those persons who may not apply for a licence in respect of any licensable activity. Regulation says that the following persons may not apply:

- (a) a person listed as a disqualified person in paragraph 4 or any of paragraphs 6 to 17 of Schedule 8 where the time limit for any appeal against that disqualification has expired or where, if an appeal was made, that appeal was refused;
- (b) a person listed in any of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 of Schedule 8 as having held a licence which was revoked where the time limit for any appeal against that revocation has expired or where, if an appeal was made, that appeal was refused.

Schedule 8 of the regulations is shown on the following page:

SCHEDULE 8

Persons who may not apply for a licence

1. A person who has at any time held a licence which was revoked under regulation 15 of these Regulations.
2. A person who has at any time held a licence which was revoked under regulation 17 of the Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014.
3. A person who has at any time held a licence which was revoked under regulation 13 of the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012.
4. A person who is disqualified under section 33 of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.
5. A person who has at any time held a licence which was revoked under regulation 12 of the Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Regulations 2010.
6. A person who is disqualified under section 34 of the Act.
7. A person who is disqualified under section 40(1) and (2) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.
8. A person who is disqualified under section 4(1) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.
9. A person who is disqualified under Article 33A of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.
10. A person who is disqualified under section 6(2) of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 from keeping a dangerous wild animal.
11. A person who is disqualified under section 3(3) of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 from keeping a breeding establishment for dogs.
12. A person who is disqualified under section 4(3) of the Riding Establishments Act 1964 from keeping a riding establishment.
13. A person who is disqualified under section 3(3) of the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 from keeping a boarding establishment for animals.
14. A person who is disqualified under section 5(3) of the Pet Animals Act 1951 from keeping a pet shop.
15. A person who is disqualified under section 1(1) of the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1954 from having custody of an animal.
16. A person who is disqualified under section 4(2) of the Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925.
17. A person who is disqualified under section 3 of the Protection of Animals Act 1911 from the ownership of an animal.

Guidance Note 3 – Star rating and length of licences

The regulations and associated guidance introduce a risk-based system that must be used when issuing animal activities licences under the regulations, with the exception of “Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition” where all licences are issued for three years.

The purpose is to ensure consistency in implementation and operation of the licensing system by local authorities, and to ensure that consumers can be confident that the star rating applied to businesses is an accurate reflection of both their risk level and the animal welfare standards that they adopt. The scoring matrix is shown below:

Scoring Matrix		Welfare Standards		
		Minor Failings (existing business that are failing to meet minimum standards)	Minimum Standards (as laid down in the schedules and guidance)	Higher Standards (as laid down in the guidance)
Risk	Low Risk	1 Star 1yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 12 month period	3 Star 2yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 24 month period	5 Star 3yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 36 month period
	Higher Risk	1 Star 1yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 12 month period	2 Star 1yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 12 month period	4 Star 2yr licence Min 1 unannounced visit within 24 month period

Further detailed information on the risk-based system and the standards that are required to be met can be found online here: www.eastherts.gov.uk/animallicences

Guidance Note 4 – Appeals against star ratings and requests for re-inspections

There is an appeal process if you are not satisfied with the star rating your business is awarded. Further details of the appeal process are available on request. Please email environmental.health@eastherts.gov.uk if you wish to receive further information.

If a business takes steps to improve the welfare standards it adopts and wishes to apply for a re-inspection in an attempt to achieve a higher star rating, this is also possible. You will need to make a request for a re-inspection in writing outlining the case for re-inspection. This written request should indicate the actions that have been taken by the business to improve the level of compliance or welfare since the inspection and, where appropriate, should include supporting evidence. Those requesting a re-inspection will also need to pay the relevant inspection fee.

Guidance Note 5 – Refusal of licences

If the applicant is failing to meet the required standards to enable a licence to be granted, we will work with them to explain the issues and assist them in meeting the standards. However if the required minimum standards are not subsequently met then the application will have to be refused. If an application for a licence is refused, the applicant has the right to appeal against the decision to the First-Tier Tribunal.

More information

Further information on the Regulations and associated guidance can be found on the East Herts website here: www.eastherts.gov.uk/animallicences