

Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

The Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 is intended to ensure that dangerous wild animals are kept by private individuals only in circumstances which create no risk to the public on the grounds of safety, nuisance or otherwise.

Each application will be treated individually having regard to the conditions laid down in the Act and the particular circumstances.

In many cases the Council will obtain advice from a veterinary practitioner or veterinary surgeon and any expense incurred in so doing will be passed on to the applicant. In addition, access for inspection by authorised officers must be available at all reasonable times, and the local authority may require the licensee to pay the costs of such inspections.

The condition of a licence may be varied, added to, or the licence may be revoked, subject of the provisions of the Act.

The fullest possible information must be given regarding the construction of any cages etc., on the safety precautions to protect persons other than the keeper, eg safety barriers etc.

The licence fee in respect of this application will be assessed in relation to the work which will have to be undertaken by the local authority, as the Act is intended to be self supporting. The applicant will be notified of the amount of the fee before final consideration is given to the licence, and it will be necessary for this to be forwarded to the local authority before any decision can be reached. The fee is non-returnable whether or not the licence is issued.

In the event of a licence being granted a number of conditions not mentioned in the application form may be included. These will cover such things as notification of movement of animals, disposal of dead animals, etc.

It may also be necessary to obtain planning permission and/or approval under the building regulations for any structure, enclosure, fence, etc., which may be deemed necessary and no licence will be granted until the appropriate approvals have been obtained.

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Preliminary Application for a licence to keep dangerous wild animal(s)

Note: The applicant must be the person who owns and possesses the wild animal(s).

(1) Name of applicant: _____ Age: _____

(2) Address of applicant: _____

Tel: _____

(3) Name(s) of other person(s) to be included in the licence as keepers
(see note 1)

(4) Species of wild animal(s) to be kept (see note 2):

(5) Number of animals: _____

Age of animals and sex: _____

Intention to breed: **Yes/No***

(6) Address at which animals are to be kept:

Tel No: _____

(7) Emergency address and telephone number in absence of keeper:

8) Have you ever been convicted under animal welfare legislation ?
(see note 3): **Yes/No*** Give details if yes:

(9) Have you ever been disqualified under this act from keeping any
dangerous wild animal(s): **Yes/No*** Give details if yes:

(10) Specify details of accommodation (use a separate sheet to provide a detailed plan of premises and accommodation and site plan showing surrounding property):

(10a) Construction: _____

Ceiling - _____

Walls - _____

Floor - _____

(10b) Size: _____

(10c) Method of ensuring adequate temperature and proposed temperature: _____

(10d) Lighting: _____

(10e) Ventilation: _____

(10f) Drainage: _____

(10g) Cleansing methods: _____

(10h) Disposal of refuse: _____

(10i) Security (construction, safety precautions, etc.):

(10j) Arrangements for feeding (storage, preparation, cooking):

(10k) Fire precautions (equipment, key holders, etc.): _____

(10l) Precautions against disease: _____

(10m) Facilities for restricting animals: _____

(10n) Space for exercise and method of exercise: _____

Security of exercise area: _____

(11) Do you anticipate any temporary or permanent movement of the animal(s) ? - if so please state circumstances:

(12) Transport arrangements:

(13) If you do not already possess the animal(s), how will it be transported to your premises ?:

(14) It is necessary for the licensee to hold a current insurance policy covering him or any other person entitled to keep the animal(s) under the terms of the licence against liability for any damage which may be caused by the animal(s). (A minimum of £1 million insurance cover is required).

(14a) Name and address of Insurance Company:

(14b) Number of policy: (alternatively a current policy may be enclosed for examination)

(15) What are the qualifications of the applicants, and any other persons mentioned in question 3, for keeping the animals proposed ? (See note 4):

(16) In case of an applicant who is already keeping an animal, the date on which the animal came into the keepers possession:

(17) Name and address of your usual veterinary surgeon:

I enclose the fee of £ (insert figure – from renewal letter or from council website).

Signature:

Date:

(on behalf of:)

Note 1 A licence may authorise a number of people to have possession of the animal(s).

Note 2 See Schedule to the Act.

Note 3 The Protection of Animals Acts 1911 to 1964, the Protection of Animals (Scotland) Acts 1912 to 1964, the Pet Animals Act 1951, the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963, the Riding Establishments Acts 1964 and 1970, or the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973.

Note 4 For example, membership of animal society, professional qualification, previous experience, etc.

Note 5 The Act is designed to be self-financing and the fee will be the amount necessary to meet the direct and indirect costs which may be incurred by the Local Authority as a result of the application. It is not refundable in the event of the application being refused.