



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ANIMAL WELFARE (BREEDING OF DOGS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2014

ENHANCEMENT AND ENRICHMENT PLAN

Name of licensed breeder: _____

Licence number: _____

Breed of dogs kept: _____

Dogs are highly intelligent animals that require mental and physical stimulation. It is important for keepers of dogs to consider how the environment in which they are kept is designed to meet their behavioural needs. The Animal Welfare Act 2006, the primary legislation under which the Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 were made, requires that an animal's five primary needs should be met:

- Need for a suitable environment
- Need for a suitable diet
- Need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- Need to be housed with, or apart from, other animals
- Need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury or disease.

The following points should be considered when planning how to meet your dogs' needs. This should not be a one-size-fits-all approach and should be tailored to take into consideration breed, age, health condition etc.:

The intention in this plan is to provide for the licence applicant to detail on how some of the needs above goals will be met.

- Positive interaction with carers
- Carers to have a positive relationship with each dog
- Dogs not left alone for extended periods of time
- Dogs able to interact with other dogs
- Varied opportunities to exercise
- Kennelled environments should be interesting and comfortable
- Activities that encourage natural behaviour e.g. chewing
- Enhancing the sensory environment (sight, smell etc.)
- Building in predictability to dogs' routine
- Regular, positive training activities
- Quiet periods
- Gradual introduction of dogs to potentially stressful situations

Please use the following table to detail how you are meeting your dogs' behavioural needs. Please speak to your vet or a suitably qualified person if you require assistance in the development of this document. Use additional sheets if required:

ENHANCEMENT OR ENRICHMENT GOAL	HOW THIS IS MET	FOR LA USE ONLY IS THIS OBJECTIVE BEING MET?
Dogs are able to express natural behaviour		

Dogs are given the opportunity for suitable exercise

Condition 10 – Size of Quarters

10. The following are the minimum size requirements for :

Small Size Dogs

No. dogs	Free access to exercise	Limited access to exercise
1	2.5 sq m	4.5 sq m
2	2.5 sq m	4.5 sq m
3	4.5 sq m	6.5 sq m
4	6.0 sq m	8.5 sq m

Medium Size Dogs

No. dogs	Free access to exercise	Limited access to exercise
1	2.5 sq m	4.5 sq m
2	4.5 sq m	6.5 sq m
3	6.0 sq m	8.5 sq m

Large Size Dogs

No. dogs	Free access to exercise	Limited access to exercise
1	4.5 sq m	6.5 sq m
2	6.0 sq m	8.5 sq m

Guidance: *Size of dogs:*

Small – Pugs, Bichon Frise, Terriers

Medium – Spaniels, Bearded Collie, Beagle

Large – Labrador, Boxer

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Free access to exercise means the dogs have unrestricted daily access to exercise area.</i> • <i>Limited access to exercise means the dogs have restricted access to an exercise area.</i> • <i>The kennel should be sufficiently large to allow each dog to be able to walk, turn around and wag its tail without touching the sides of the kennel, to play, to stand on its hind limbs and to lie down without touching another individual.</i> • <i>When the animal/s is in the kennel there should be sufficient space for the door to open fully.</i> • <i>Bitches with litters should be provided with double this space allowance.</i> <p>Free Access (Dogs have unrestricted daily access to a large exercise area. We would expect to see a reasonable size secure yard or grassed paddock area to accommodate all the dogs at your establishment, and expect you as a licensee to allow them unlimited access to this area during normal daylight hours)</p> <p>Limited Access (A suitable sized area which may not be sufficient to facilitate all dogs on the licence being out at once. We would expect your dogs to be allowed out in groups for set periods of time or lead walked either individually or in small groups)</p>		
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<p>Dogs are given the opportunity to experience variety and stimulation both in the kennel and outside.</p>		
<p>Dogs are given the opportunity to play and interact with other dogs.</p>		

Dogs are given the opportunity to learn and develop		
Reducing the potential for dogs to experience significant stress		
Dogs are given the opportunity to make choices and have control in their environment		

Preventing the development of abnormal behaviours		
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