

DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS ACT 1976

Statutory Requirements

- While any animal is kept under the authority of the licence:
 - a) the animal shall be kept by no persons other than the person specified in the Licence;
 - b) the animal shall normally be held at such premises as are specified in the Licence:
 - c) the animal shall not be moved from those premises (except in the following circumstances, namely:
 - d) the person to whom the Licence is granted shall hold a current insurance policy which insures him and any other person entitled to keep the animal under the authority of the Licence against liability for any damage which may be caused by the animal, the terms of such policy being satisfactory in the opinion of the authority.
- The species and number of animal of each species which may be kept under the authority of the Licence shall be restricted to those specified in the Schedule shown on the Licence.
- The person to whom the Licence is granted shall at all reasonable times make available a copy of the Licence to any person entitled to keep any animal under the authority of the Licence.

Security

- All precautions shall be taken to prevent unauthorised access to or escape of the animals.
- All doors, gates, fencing and enclosures shall be kept properly secure and in good repair at all times.
- A conspicuous notice warning that the animals are dangerous must be displayed at the entrance to the premises or enclosure as appropriate.
- The Licensee shall notify the Licensing Authority forthwith of any escapes of animals.

Shelters

- Adult animals shall have free access to an outside shelter and not be permanently housed.
- The shelters provided shall be adequately maintained and in all respects suitable as regards construction and size.

- The walls and flooring shall be so constructed and maintained so as to be easily cleaned.
- The shelter shall have adequate natural lighting with supplementary artificial light to allow the proper working and cleaning of the animal accommodation with no dark areas.
- Suitable and sufficient means of ventilation shall be provided and maintained so as to provide a clean and draught free atmosphere in the animals' living and sleeping quarters.
- Where necessary suitable and sufficient means shall be provided to maintain a reasonable temperature in the shelter.
- Suitable and sufficient means of drainage shall be provided for the shelter.
- Clean, dry bedding material shall be provided as necessary, sufficient for each animal.
- All shelters shall be kept clean to minimise the risk of disease and ensure animal comfort.
- Separate isolation facilities shall be provided.

Enclosures (Paddocks)

- Enclosures shall be maintained to provide adequate space for exercise and grazing and give access to shelters.
- Enclosures shall be mainly covered with living vegetation, be kept well drained, and free of litter or other harmful material.
- The licensee shall control as far as practicable, external environmental factors including noise, light, vibration, pollution so as to avoid unnecessary stress to the animals.
- Fences shall be designed, constructed and maintained so as to prevent the animals from becoming trapped or injured.

Welfare

- All animals shall have an adequate supply of wholesome drinking water available at all times.
- All animals shall be adequately supplied with suitable food and have access to natural grazing or conserved forage. All animals shall be visited at suitable intervals.
- The animals shall not be exhibited to members of the public except with the written permission of the Licensing Authority.

- Only persons trained and competent in ostrich husbandry shall be permitted to handle the animals.
- Suitable and sufficient race and crush facilities shall be made available to enable the animals to be safely handled, inspected and treated.

Control of Infection

- The Licensee shall take adequate measures to prevent and control the spread of infection among animals, including arrangements for proper veterinary treatment or advice. Any incidents of serious infection shall be notified to the Licensing Authority.
- No animal which is suffering from or could reasonably be suspected of having come into contact with any other animal suffering from infectious disease, or which is infested with parasites, shall be brought into or kept on the premises unless effectively isolated.

Emergency

- The Licensee shall make and maintain appropriate arrangements for the protection of the animals in case of fire or other emergency, including the provision of adequate fire fighting appliances. Such appliances shall be conveniently accessible, clearly marked 'FIRE POINT' and maintained in good condition.
- A clearly visible notice shall be displayed in a prominent position containing an emergency contact number.

General

Alterations to the licensed parts of the premises shall not be made except with the PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL of the Licensing Authority.