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ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981

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**LICENCE TO OPERATE A ZOO  
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The East Hertfordshire District Council being the local authority for the purpose of the above Act

HEREBY LICENCE

trading as **Paradise Wildlife Park**

of **White Stubbs Lane  
Broxbourne  
Herts  
EN10 7QA**

to operate the Zoo known as **Paradise Wildlife Park**

situated at **White Stubbs Lane, Broxbourne, Herts,  
EN10 7QA**

subject to the conditions endorsed hereon.

This Licence shall remain in force from **1st September 2008** until and including **31st August 2014**

**REISSUED** at the office of the said Council on **30<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

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Head of Community Safety & Health Services

## CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH THIS LICENCE IS GRANTED

Paradise Wildlife Park Ltd must:

1. promote public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the zoo and their natural habitats;
2. accommodate their animals under conditions which aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the species to which they belong, including-
  - a. providing each animal with an environment well-adapted to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the species to which it belongs; and
  - b. providing a high standard of animal husbandry with a developed programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition;
3. prevent the escape of animals and put in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals;
4. prevent the intrusion of pests and vermin into the zoo premises;
5. keep up-to-date records of the zoo's collection, including records of:
  - a. the numbers of different animals;
  - b. acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals;
  - c. the causes of any such deaths; and
  - d. the health of the animals.
6. participate in at least one of the following:
  - a. research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
  - b. training in relevant conservation skills;
  - c. the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;
  - d. where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity; and
  - e. where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals

Paradise Wildlife Park Ltd must keep information to show how it has complied with this condition and supply it to the local authority upon request.

7. within one month of the date of renewal of the zoo's public liability policy and of subsequent renewals thereof, a copy must be forwarded to East Hertfordshire District Council;
8. notify East Hertfordshire District Council, in writing, at least one month in advance, of the proposed addition of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice), which is from a taxonomic family of which Category 1 species have not previously been kept in the zoo;
9. notify East Hertfordshire District Council before the temporary removal from the zoo (other than for veterinary attention or inter-zoo movements) of any animal

listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation of Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice. Such notification to be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 hours before the removal. When giving notification, details of the destination and method of transportation of the animal and of the arrangements for its well-being, as well as for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the zoo, to be provided;

10. in the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the zoo, notify East Hertfordshire District Council as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.

### **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

11. The existing meat chopping room to be furnished with a stainless steel table with replaceable wooden top, or wooden block insert, by 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.
12. The Birds of Paradise service shed to be upgraded or replaced, so that there is a dedicated food area with washing facilities, by 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.
13. The signage for all enclosures to carry at least the information required by the Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice, by 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a. A comprehensive summary of conservation work done, or funded by, the zoo would have been a useful addition to the pre-inspection audit, but could also be made available for interested members of the visiting public.
- b. Although there is plenty of evidence of good conservation education both in the zoo and as outreach, there should be an over-riding Education Policy document.
- c. There should be separation (physical or by working practices) of the meat fridge from the fruit and vegetable fridge in the ARC food preparation room to ensure that there is no cross-contamination.
- d. Chest freezers should be defrosted and cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the build-up of ice.
- e. Animal feeding by visitors should be monitored closely and reviewed regularly to ensure the welfare of all animals involved and the health and safety of the visitors.
- f. The animal experiences should similarly be monitored closely and reviewed regularly.

- g. There is scope for more general signage about conservation: the extent of current conservation problems and how the zoo is, and visitors can, help to correct or reduce them.
- h. Regular escape drills are taking place and being discussed, but they should be formally reviewed and reported, with reports available for future inspections.
- i. A dead tree close to the Works Yard should be checked and made safe as a matter of urgency.
- j. The walk-through bat enclosure should be reviewed for risks to public health.
- k. A thorough risk assessment should be undertaken for the planned lorikeet exhibit, including screening for *Chlamydophila psittaci* infection (psittacosis). The assessment should be forwarded to the Local Authority for comment.
- l. Animal inventories submitted annually to the Local Authority, and also provided to zoo inspectors, should be in a 7-column format where deaths are divided into those occurring before 30 days of age, and all others.
- m. The Ethical Review Process takes place within the Conservation Reviews. Whilst this can be acceptable, the ethical review should be a separate agenda item, should deal with more ethical issues (in addition to animal health and welfare) and the reports must be available for inspections.
- n. Running hot water should be provided in all public toilets, as advised for effective hand-washing by the Health Protection Agency.

## NOTES

- I. The conditions are attached to this licence without prejudice to the application, where relevant, of the Secretary of State's standards of modern zoo practice specified in accordance with the powers conferred under Section 9 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981.
- I. The grant of this licence does not imply that the requirements of any other legislation have been met.
- II. You have a right to carry out work that will achieve the same effect as that described in the attached conditions. If you think that there is another equally effective way of complying with the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice, you should first discuss it with the inspecting officer.