

# **Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules**

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## **ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAPTER 7, SECTION 80)**

## **ANIMALS AND BIRDS (PET SHOP AND EXHIBITION) RULES**

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## **Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules.

## **Definitions**

2. In these Rules —

“licence” means a licence issued by the Director-General under rule 4 and  
“licensee” shall be construed accordingly;

“pet shop” means any premises where animals or birds intended for use as pets are kept or displayed for sale by retail or wholesale or for export.

## **Use of premises as pet shop**

3. No person shall use any premises as a pet shop, or for any exhibition or distribution of animals or birds, except in accordance with a valid licence issued by the Director-General under rule 4 and in accordance with the conditions, if any, of that licence.

## **Application for and issue of licence**

4.—(1) An application for a licence shall be made to the Director-General in such form or manner as the Director-General may require and shall be accompanied by —

- (a) the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule; and
- (b) such particulars, information and documents as the Director-General may specify.

(2) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Director-General may —

- (a) issue a licence to the applicant subject to such conditions as he thinks fit to impose; or
- (b) refuse to issue a licence to the applicant.

(3) In determining whether to issue or refuse to issue a licence, the Director-General may consider the suitability of the premises to be licensed as a pet shop or for any exhibition or distribution of animals or birds.

- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), the Director-General may, at any time —
- (a) enter and inspect the premises in respect of which the application is made, or cause such premises to be inspected by an authorised officer;
  - (b) require the applicant to make available any relevant documentation for inspection and copying; and
  - (c) require the applicant, at his own expense, to make such alteration or improvement to such premises or to provide, fix or install such facilities and equipment as the Director-General may specify.
- (5) The Director-General may refuse to issue a licence to an applicant if —
- (a) the applicant or one of his partners or, if the applicant is a body corporate, one of its directors —
    - (i) had previously been convicted of an offence under the Act; or
    - (ii) had previously held a licence issued under the Act and the licence was subsequently suspended or revoked under section 62 of the Act; or
  - (b) in the opinion of the Director-General, the premises in respect of which the licence is being applied for are not suitable for use as a pet shop or for any exhibition or distribution of animals or birds.
- (6) The Director-General may, at any time, vary or revoke any of the existing conditions imposed under paragraph (2)(a) or impose new conditions.
- (7) Every licence issued under this rule —
- (a) shall be in such form as the Director-General may determine;
  - (b) shall be valid for the period stated therein unless it is revoked under section 62 of the Act; and
  - (c) may be renewed upon its expiry.
- (8) Paragraphs (1) to (7) shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to an application for the renewal of a licence.

### **Transfer of licence**

5. No licensee shall transfer or assign the benefit of his licence to any person without the prior approval of the Director-General.

### **Duties of licensee**