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**PET SHOP CHECK LIST****Inspection Details**

This is an internal document to be used by Inspectors to guide them in undertaking a basic pet shop inspection. The most common species have been included here together with common concerns but it is up to the inspector to find out more information, ask questions and ensure that appropriate action is taken to ensure the welfare of the animals is protected.

**Explanatory Note:** When completing this checklist, the relative observations can be circled or underlined and or inspectors comments recorded on the line above. For example:

Hygiene of cages: Overall good – cages being cleaned during inspection Hamsters  
Good Fair Bad Excess Faeces Old/Soiled Food

Name of Pet Shop: Pickersyn Pethood and Birds  
 Address: 6 Koeter str. Frederburg  
 Name of Owner: Joshua Cell: 083 233 8604  
 Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax/Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterinarian: Dr. Rust Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL**

What happens to sick animals: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Self medicate ☒ New owners must treat ☒ Taken to vet ☒

What happens to animals after hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kept in shop ☒ Go home with owner ☒ Sent back to supplier ☒

What treatment do Puppies get: No puppies  
 Vaccine De-wormer Vaccine on Request None Other

What treatment do Kittens get: No kittens  
 Vaccine De-wormer Vaccine on Request None Other

Quarantine Cages Provided: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes ☒ No ☒ None Seen ☒ Separate Room ☒

Rodent control: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Open Poison/Poison Stations/Poison Pipes/Live Traps/Rat Traps ☒

Suppliers of animals: horally and Cape Town

Do they breed: No  
 Yes / No / Uncertain ☒ Single Sex Groups ☒

If breeding, what happens to offspring: No breeding  
 Hand-Reared / Parent Reared / Sold Unweaned ☒

If removed for hand rearing, from what age: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for hand rearing: \_\_\_\_\_

**FISH**

Hygiene of tanks Good

Is water clean Yes Good Fair Poor Excess Algae Waste Material (Faeces/Debris)

Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair Yes Clear (see fish clearly) Quite Clear Smelly Foamy (on surface) Cloudy

Do the tanks have efficient aeration Yes Good Fair Poor Other

Do the tanks have filtration Yes Good (Bubbles) Fair (some bubbles) Unacceptable (No bubbles)

Is water in tanks tested appropriately for temperature/pH/ammonia/nitrites/oxygen Yes Yes No

Are the tanks enriched Yes Plants Hiding Areas Rocks Gravel Other

Are the tanks overstocked no Good Fair Poor

Are lights turned off at night for fish to rest Yes Yes No

Do tanks have covers Yes Yes No

Water at proper level (should be small gap between top of water and cover) Yes Yes No

Condition of animals Good Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

Describe Concerns No concerns Unusual growths, patches or spots/Wounds/Abnormal swimming/Over or Under activity/Bloating/Fin damage/Panting at surface/Rubbing/Clamped fins

Temperature Suitable Yes Goldfish 10°C – 22°C; Tropical fish 23°C– 27°C

How often are the fish fed: 1x per day Daily Not during weekends (unacceptable)

Is enough species specific food given Yes Yes No Appears Acceptable

In the event of a power failure is the pet shop owner / attendant informed: Yes Yes No

How do staff handle animals Very good Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason NO

Compatibility of Groups Yes Good Poor (Chasing/Bullying/Hiding/Damaged fins)

How are fish destroyed when necessary Submersed in clove oil

Unacceptable – fed live to other fish/left out of water to suffocate/flushed down toilets)  
Acceptable – brain maceration/submersion in clove oil (and other suitable chemicals)

Do Aquatic Amphibians have a shelf or floating island to enable them to get out of the water

How do the buyers transport the fish from the shop Yes Describe In strong plastic bags pumped with pure oxygen

Is the chlorine removed from tap water before adding to tanks Yes Yes No

(Aerated for 24 hours or a de-chlorinating product used)?

**BIRDS**

Bird Numbers & Breeds 2X Ringnecks 1X African Grey

Group structures ✓  
Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed Species

Compatibility of Groups ✓  
Good (No aggression/anxiety) Chasing/Bullying etc Describe Above

Space ✓  
Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too small

Cage Maintenance ✓  
Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)

Hygiene of cages ✓  
Good Fair Poor Excess Faeces Old/Spoiled Food

Ventilation ✓  
Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) Other

Are birds exposed to draughts ✓  
No Yes Describe Above

Are birds left in full sun no  
No Yes Describe Above

Temperature ✓  
Too Hot (Beak open etc) Too Cold (Fluffed up/shivering) Comfortable

Shelter provided in outside pens no outside pens  
Good Needs Improvement Poor None

Adequate perch space ✓  
Good (all can rest on perches at same time) Fair Poor (birds on floor & cage sides)

Note: Birds need more horizontal space than vertical. Approx 10cm horizontal space per bird such as parakeets

Are perches placed above each other (causing faeces to drop onto birds below) no  
No Yes

Suppliers of birds locally

How do staff handle animals Very good

Cleaning routine 1X per day ✓  
Very Well Good Fair Poor Unacceptable  
per day everyday per week

Water ✓  
Non-Tip Bowl Hanging Bowl Bowl too deep Bowl too small None Available

Hygiene of water provision ✓  
Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled

Diet for Birds seed

Frequency of feed: 1X per day Do they remove old food: Yes ✓ No ✓  
Note: Check to see that there is seed in the food dish, not just empty shells left by the birds.

Is the diet Yes  
Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not Enough Other

Are the animals fully weaned Yes  
Yes (feeding themselves well) Just weaned Under-age

Condition of animals Good  
Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

Describe Concerns No concerns  
Injuries/ Poor Feather Condition/Feather Loss/Itchiness/Runny or Swollen Eyes/Nose

How are birds transported from the shop In bird cage or box with holes

**ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION COMPLETE THIS SECTION:**

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Pickens's Petshop is very  
neat and tidy. Animals are in  
good conditions. No sick or injured  
animals observed.

Inspector: J. OGBORN Date: 05/12/22 Time: 13:30  
Follow up due 30/01/23.

Comments: