

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: Pikkewyns Pet + Food
 Address: Kosterstraat, Vredenburg
 Name of Owner: Jocelyn Rossouw Cell: 0832338604
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 Veterinarian: Dr. I. Rust Tel:

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: Taken to vet
 What happens to animals after hours: Kept in Shop
 What treatment do Puppies get: No puppies
 What treatment do Kittens get: No kittens
 Quarantine Cages Provided: Yes
 Rodent control: Poison Station
 Suppliers of animals: From farm outside Hopefield
 Do they breed: No
 If breeding, what happens to offspring:
 If removed for hand rearing, from what age:
 Reason for hand rearing:

RODENTS

Numbers: Rats _____ Mice _____ Guinea Pigs 2 Hamsters _____

Group structures Same size together
Singly Mother & Young Separate Same size together All together

Compatibility of Groups Good
Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Fighting Anxious Descriptive Above

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

Cage Maintenance Good
Good Fair (Some repairs needed) Poor (Inhumane features)

Are cages raised off the ground to prevent handling/accidental kicking/reduce stress: Yes
Yes No

Hygiene of cages Good
Good Fair Bad Excess Faeces Old/Stale Food

Ventilation Good
Good (No Ammonia Smell) Fair Poor (Ammonia Smell)

Draughts No
No Yes Describe

Temperature Comfortable
Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curling up/shivering) Comfortable (20-24°C)

Do they allow breeding No
Yes No Describe Above

How do staff handle animals Not observed
Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Do they allow public to handle the animals No
Yes No Not Seen

Hiding areas Good
Good (Box/Plastic Container) Fair (not enough) Unacceptable (None) Other

Bedding Saw dust
Sawdust Straw Newspaper Other

Is bedding clean & absorbent Yes
Yes / No Needs Changing Type: Sawdust/Newspaper/Other

Cleaning routine Every day per day _____ per week _____
per day per week

Water Non-tip bowl
Non-tip Bowl Bowl too small Bowl too deep to reach water None available

Hygiene of water provision Clean
Clean Dirty very Dirty Green Algae Stale

Diet Good
Good Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit Vit C for Guinea Pigs (220mg/ltr water daily)

Frequency of feed Once a day Do they remove old food? Yes Yes No _____

Is the diet Good
Good & Nutritious Poor Fair Fresh Not enough Other comments

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 _____
Injuries/ Poor Coat / Ulcers / Runny Eyes/ Runny Nose / Diarrhoea

How are rodents transported from the shop In cardboard container

Where are unweaned rodents kept _____
Good (with mother) Unacceptable (Plastic container/cage/bowl)

Are unweaned rodents sold live? _____
No (Good) Yes (Unacceptable)

How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? _____
CO2 (Unacceptable issue warning) Hitting on Head/live freezing Describe

FISH

Hygiene of tanks Good

Is water clean Clear

Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair Good

Do the tanks have efficient aeration Good

Do the tanks have filtration Good

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

Are the tanks enriched Yes

Are the tanks overstocked No

Are lights turned off at night for fish to rest Yes

Do tanks have covers Yes

Water at proper level (should be small gap between top of water and cover) Yes

Condition of animals Good

Describe Concerns None

Temperature Suitable Yes

How often are the fish fed: Daily

Is enough species specific food given Yes

In the event of a power failure is the pet shop owner / attendant informed: Yes

How do staff handle animals Not observed

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason No

Compatibility of Groups Good

How are fish destroyed when necessary 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 In plastic with oxygen

Is the chlorine removed from tap water before adding to tanks
(Aerated for 24 hours or a de-chlorinating product used)? Yes

BIRDSBird Numbers & Breeds Knarl - Lag Duit - Kokoiel - Gaudian Finch - Kanarie - BudgiesGroup structures In small groups
Single In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed SpeciesCompatibility of Groups Good
Good (No aggression/anxiety) Chasing/Bullying etc Describe AboveSpace Good
Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too smallCage Maintenance Good
Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)Hygiene of cages Good
Good Fair Poor Loose Faeces Old/Spoiled FoodVentilation Good
Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) OtherAre birds exposed to draughts No
No Yes Describe AboveAre birds left in full sun No
No Yes Describe AboveTemperature Comfortable
Too Hot (Bare open etc) Too Cold (Fluffed up/shivering) ComfortableShelter provided in outside pens No outside pens
Good Needs Improvement Poor NoneAdequate perch space Good
Good (all can rest on perches at same time) Fair Poor (birds on floor & cage sides)Note: Birds need more horizontal space than vertical. App. 10cm horizontal space per bird such as parakeets
Are perches placed above each other (causing faeces to drop onto birds below) No
No YesSuppliers of birds from outside HopedaleHow do staff handle animals Not observed
Very Well Good Fair Poor UnacceptableCleaning routine Every day per day _____ per week _____Water Hanging Bowl
Non Tip Bowl Hanging Bowl Bowl too deep Bowl too small None AvailableHygiene of water provision Clean
Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae SoiledDiet for Birds SeedsFrequency of feed: Once per day Do they remove old food: Yes 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 Good
Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not Enough OtherAre the animals fully weaned —
Yes (feeding themselves well, just weaned) Under ageCondition of animals Good
Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe AboveDescribe Concerns NoneHow are birds transported from the shop In bird cages
Injuries/ Poor Feather Condition/Feather Loss/Likeness /Runny or Swollen Eyes/Nose

