

PET SHOP CHECK LIST

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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: PICKENYIN PETSHOP (PETS & BIRD FOOD)

Address: 6 KOSTER STR, VREDENBURG

Name of Owner: JOSHUA RUSSELL Cell: 083 233 8604

Tel: _____ Fax/Email: Pickenynpetshop@gmail.com

Veterinarian: ISAAC RUST (Vredenburg Animal Clinic) Tel: _____

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: Self medicate on guidance from vet. Severe cases - taken to vet
 Self medicate New owners must treat Taken to vet

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

What treatment do Puppies get: N/A
 Vaccine De-wormer Vaccine on Request None Other

What treatment do Kittens get: N/A
 Vaccine De-wormer Vaccine on Request None Other

Quarantine Cages Provided: Yes

Rodent control: RAT STATIONS OUTSIDE SHOP. NO CONCERN INSIDE
 Yes No None Seen Separate Room
 Open Poison/Poison Stations/Poison Pipes/Live Traps/Rat Traps

Suppliers of animals: Breeders (JHB & CPT)

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

If breeding, what happens to offspring: N/A
 Hand-Reared / Parent Reared / Sold Unweaned

If removed for hand rearing, from what age: N/A

Reason for hand rearing: N/A

RODENTS

Numbers: Rats 2 Mice 0 Guinea Pigs 0 Hamsters 4

Group structures Single (Rats) Group (Hamster)

Compatibility of Groups Good Singly Mother & Young Separate Same sizes together All together

Space ACCEPTABLE Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Fighting Bullying Describe Above

Cage Maintenance GLASS TANKS (FAIR) Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too small

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

Hygiene of cages FAIR Good Fair Bad Excess Faeces Old/Soiled Food

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

Draughts None No Yes Describe

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

Do they allow breeding NO Yes No Describe Above

How do staff handle animals Good Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

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

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

Bedding Yes, wood SHAVING Sawdust Straw Newspaper Other

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

Cleaning routine 1 per day 3 per week

Water Water nipples (Non- tip Bowl) Bowl too small Bowl too deep to reach water None available

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

Diet HAMSTER MIX (RAT Delight) Good Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit Vit C for Guinea Pigs (220mg/lit water daily)

Frequency of feed DAILY Do they remove old food? Yes X No

Is the diet OK Good & Nutritious Poor Not 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 None observed Injuries/ Poor Coat / Listless / Runny Eyes/ Runny Nose / Diarrhoea

How are rodents transported from the shop Boxes

Where are unweaned rodents kept None Good (with mother) Unacceptable (Plastic container/cage/box)

Are unweaned rodents sold live? N/A No (Good) Yes (Unacceptable)

How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? Does not kill Hitting on Head/live freezing Describe

CO2 (Unacceptable issue warning)

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 Good (Bubbles) Fair (some bubbles) Unacceptable (No bubbles)

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

Are the tanks enriched Majority (4 = NOT) 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 Fair Yes No

Describe Concerns 14 Dead Goldfish Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

Temperature Suitable Yes Unusual growths, patches or spots/Wounds/Abnormal swimming/ Over or Under activity/Bloating/Fin damage/Panting at surface/Rubbing/Clamped fins

How often are the fish fed: DAILY Goldfish 10°C – 22°C; Tropical fish 23°C- 27°C

Is enough species specific food given Yes Daily Not during weekends (unacceptable)

In the event of a power failure is the pet shop owner / attendant informed: Generator (Inventor) Yes No Appears Acceptable

How do staff handle animals Fair Yes No

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason Yes, new Fish ARRIVED FRIDAY 3/5/24 Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Compatibility of Groups Good Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

How are fish destroyed when necessary Clove oil Good Poor (Chasing/Bullying/Hiding/Damaged fins)

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

Describe

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

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

* 14 Goldfish (mostly 10cm) - need to 1 IS sooner Yes No

* Same tanks - no enrichment. C Conets; FANTAILS, RED CARS, ANGEL, Panda Cong, Cherry barb, (any dwarf)

4 placed leaves during

Bird Numbers & Breeds Budgies (6) BIRDS Chinese Crested (7) Gulls (12)
Zebra Finch (10) Cockatiel (2) Other Breeds (1) - white

Group structures Small Groups

Compatibility of Groups Good Singly (In small groups) Large Groups Same species Mixed Species

Space Good Good (No aggression/anxiety) Chasing/Bullying etc Describe Above

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

Hygiene of cages Fair Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)

Ventilation Good Good Fair Poor Excess Faeces Old/Spoiled Food

Are birds exposed to draughts No Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) Other

Are birds left in full sun No (indoors) No Yes Describe Above

Temperature (Comfortable) No Yes Describe Above

Shelter provided in outside pens N/A Too Hot (Beak open etc) Too Cold (Fluffed up/shivering) Comfortable

Adequate perch space Yes 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

Suppliers of birds Breeders (CPT) No Yes

How do staff handle animals Good

Cleaning routine 1 Very Well Good Fair Poor Unacceptable
per day 4 per week

Water Good Non-Tip Bowl (Hanging Bowl) Bowl too deep Bowl too small None Available

Hygiene of water provision Good

Diet for Birds Good - species specific Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled

Frequency of feed: DAILY 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 Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not Enough Other

Are the animals fully weaned Yes

Condition of animals Good Yes (feeding themselves well) Just weaned Under-age

Describe Concerns N/observed Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

How are birds transported from the shop Box with perch Injuries/ Poor Feather Condition/Feather Loss/Listless /Runny or Swollen Eyes/Nose

ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes _____ No XComments:

ONLY HAS FISH, RODENTS (HAMSTER & RATS) & BIRDS.
ANIMALS' BASIC NEEDS ARE WELL CATERED FOR, FOR
THIS TEMPORARY HOUSING.

REGARDING COMPLAINT: THE RATS & HAMSTER TANKS
ARE SMALL, HOWEVER, THE
ANIMALS CAN SIT, STAND, LAY
DOWN, TURN AROUND AND MOVE
AROUND COMFORTABLY. THEY HAVE
FOOD, WATER, CLEAN AREAS &
HIDING AREAS.
THIS IS TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT,
NO SIGNS OF BEHAVIOURAL OR
STEREOTYPICAL CONCERNS OBSERVED
~~BASED ON~~ DUE TO THEIR CONFINEMENT.

NO APA CONTRAVENTIONS

Inspector: BODENSTEIN Date: 6/5/2024 Time: 16H09Follow up due END JUNE 2024 (ROUTINE)

Comments: MARION'S HAMSTER MENU (BLACK SUNFLOWER SEEDS)
TOP PET DELIGHTS (RAT DELIGHT)

1x DEAD GOLDFISH WAS FOUND IN QUARANTINE CAGE,
HE ARRIVED FRIDAY (3/5/24) DID NOT ACCLIMATE
TO TRANSITION. HE WAS REMOVED IMMEDIATELY
FROM THE TANK AND PLACED IN THE FREEZER.