

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: Nesker's and on Durebeheffer

Address: 17 F Heuningklip rd, Vredenburg.

Name of Owner: Marius Viviers Cell: 083 286 9262

Tel: _____ Fax/Email: _____

Veterinarian: Vredenburg Animal Hospital Tel: _____

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: Taken to the vet.

What happens to animals after hours: Stay in the shop.

What treatment do Puppies get: N/A

What treatment do Kittens get: N/A

Quarantine Cages Provided: Yes

Rodent control: Just use rodent control.

Suppliers of animals: Local breeders.

Do they breed: No

If breeding, what happens to offspring: N/A

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

Reason for hand rearing: N/A

RODENTS

Numbers: Rats _____	Mice _____	Guinea Pigs _____	Hamsters _____
Group structures _____	Singly Mother & Young Separate Same sizes together All together		
Compatibility of Groups _____	Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Fighting Bullying 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)		
Are cages raised off the ground to prevent handling/accidental kicking/reduce stress: _____	Yes No		
Hygiene of cages _____	Good Fair Bad Excess Faeces Old/Soiled Food		
Ventilation _____	Good (No Ammonia smell) Fair Poor (Ammonia smell)		
Draughts _____	No Yes Describe		
Temperature _____	Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curled up/shivering) Comfortable (20°C- 24°C)		
Do they allow breeding _____	Yes No Describe Above		
How do staff handle animals _____	Good Fair Poor Unacceptable		
Do they allow public to handle the animals _____	Yes No Not Seen		
Hiding areas _____	Good (Box/Plastic Container) Fair (not enough) Unacceptable (None) Other		
Bedding _____	Sawdust Straw Newspaper Other		
Is bedding clean & absorbent _____	Yes / No Needs Changing Type: Sawdust/Newspaper/Other		
Cleaning routine _____	per day _____ per week _____		
Water _____	Nipple Bowl Bowl too small Bowl too deep to reach water None available		
Hygiene of water provision _____	Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled		
Diet _____	Good Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit Vit C for Guinea Pigs (220mg/lit water daily)		
Frequency of feed _____	Do they remove old food? Yes _____ No _____		
Is the diet _____	Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not enough Other comments		
Are the animals fully weaned _____	Yes (feeding themselves well) Just Weaned Under Age		
Condition of animals _____	Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above		
Describe Concerns _____	Injuries/ Poor Coat / Listless / Runny Eyes / Runny Nose / Diarrhoea		
How are rodents transported from the shop _____			
Where are unweaned rodents kept _____	Good (with mother) Unacceptable (Plastic container/ragerbox)		
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		

PUPPIES, KITTENS & RABBITS

Puppy Numbers & Breeds: _____

Kitten Numbers: _____ Rabbit Numbers: _____

Group structures _____

Singly Only with litter mates Some litters mixed All together

Compatibility of Groups _____

Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Mixed State Bullying 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 Unacceptable Excess Fences Old/Soiled Food

Ventilation _____

Good (Fresh & Clear) No (Stuffy & Smelly) Describe Above

Draughts _____

No Yes Describe Above

Temperature _____

Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curled up/shivering) Comfortable

Shelter provided in outside pens _____

Good Needs Improvement Poor None

Do they allow breeding _____

Yes No Describe Above

How do staff handle animals _____

Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Do they allow public to handle animals: Adults _____ Children (Age) _____ Under supervision _____

Floor construction: _____

Wood Concrete Chicken Mesh Weld Mesh Soil Other

Bedding: _____

Blankets Bed Carpet Soil Sawdust Straw Newspaper Other

Is Bedding Clean & Absorbent: _____

Yes No Needs changing Other

Cleaning routine _____ per day _____ per week

Water _____

None Tip Bowl Bowl too small Bowl too deep to reach water None Available

Hygiene of water provision _____

Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled

Diet for Puppies _____ Kittens _____

Diet for Rabbits _____

Quality Pellets Roughage Fresh vegetables/Fruit Other

Is the diet _____

Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not Enough Other

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

Are the animals fully weaned? _____

Yes (feeding themselves well) Just Weaned Not Weaned

Condition of animals _____

Good Fair Poor Very Poor

Describe Concerns _____

Injuries/Poor Coat/Listless/Runny Eyes/Runny Nose/Diarrhoea

FISH

Hygiene of tanks _____

Is water clean _____

Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair _____

Do the tanks have efficient aeration _____

Do the tanks have filtration _____

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

Are the tanks enriched _____

Are the tanks overstocked _____

Are lights turned off at night for fish to rest _____

Do tanks have covers _____

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

Condition of animals _____

Describe Concerns _____

Temperature Suitable _____

How often are the fish fed: _____

Is enough species specific food given _____

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

How do staff handle animals _____

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason _____

Compatibility of Groups _____

How are fish destroyed when necessary _____

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 _____

Is the chlorine removed from tap water before adding to tanks

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

Yes No

BIRDSBird Numbers & Breeds 3x LoricelsGroup structures GoodCompatibility of Groups Good Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed SpeciesSpace Good Good (No aggression/anxiety) Chasing/Butting etc Describe AboveCage Maintenance Good Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & lurch) Stressed/Too smallHygiene of cages Good Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)Ventilation Yes Good Fair Poor Excess Faeces Old/Spoiled FoodAre birds exposed to draughts No Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) OtherAre birds left in full sun No No Yes Describe AboveTemperature Comfortable Yes Describe AboveShelter provided in outside pens No pens outside Too Hot (Bare ground etc) Too Cold (Fluffed up, shivering) ComfortableAdequate perch space Yes Good Needs improvement Poor NoneAre perches placed above each other (causing faeces to drop onto birds below) No Note: Birds need more horizontal space than vertical. Approx. 10cm horizontal space per bird, such as parakeetsSuppliers of birds Local breeders No YesHow do staff handle animals Not observedCleaning routine Everyday Very Well per day Good Fair Unacceptable per weekWater Non tip bowlHygiene of water provision Good Non-Tip Bowl Hanging Bowl Bowl too deep Bowl too small None AvailableDiet for Birds Bird seeds Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae SpoiledFrequency of feed: once a day Do they remove old food: Yes ☒ No ☐Is the diet Good Note: Check to see that there is seed in the food dish, not just empty shells left by the birds.Are the animals fully weaned Yes Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not Enough OtherCondition of animals Good Yes (feeding themselves well) Just weaned Under-ageDescribe Concerns None Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe AboveHow are birds transported from the shop In a bird cage or Injuries/Poor Feather Condition/Feather Loss/Injury Swollen Eyes/Nosea cardboard

REPTILES

Reptile Numbers & Breeds _____

Group structures _____

Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed Species

Compatibility of Groups _____

Good (No aggression/anxiety) Aggression Describe Above

Space _____

Good (stretch & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, turn, normally) Too small (cramped, no normal movement)

Note: The cage / tank should be large enough for the entire body of snakes, more than double in lizards

Cage/Tank Maintenance _____

Good Fair (active repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)

Hygiene of cages _____

Good Fair Bad Excess Scat Excess Shedded Skin

Are reptiles left in full sun _____

No Yes Describe Above

Temperature Suitable _____

Note: Snakes tropical 27°C-38°C other 20°C-35°C Lizards 30°C-35°C

How do staff handle animals _____

Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Do they allow public to handle the animals _____

Yes No Not Seen

Handled by: Adults _____ Children (Age) _____ Only under supervision _____

Venomous snakes: Are staff trained to handle _____

Yes No

Security/safety _____

Double Door/ Single Door/ Door Latch/ Door Lock/Back door/Warning signs

Are tank covers secure to prevent escape _____

Yes No

Enrichment/Hiding Area _____

Logs / Wood / Box / Pipes / Tunnels / Describe Other

Bedding _____

Snakes: soft absorbent material like newspaper Lizards: gravel Describe Above

Is bedding clean & absorbent _____

Yes No Needs Changing Other

Cleaning routine _____ per day _____ per week

Heating _____

Heat Lamp / Light Bulb / Heat Tile / Hot water Bottle / Heating Pad / Element / None

Safety of heat source _____

No bare lamps

Water _____

Non-Tip Bowl Deep Wide Bowl Too Small None Available

Hygiene of water provision _____

Clean Dirty Filthy Green Algae Soiled

Diet for reptiles _____

Live Prey (Unacceptable) Dead Animals Describe Above

Source of prey _____

Bought dead (from where) Killed on site (describe method) Other

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

Condition of animals _____

Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Bad Shedding

Describe concerns _____

Injuries/ Laboured Breathing/Holding mouth open/Nasal discharge

How are reptiles transported from the shop _____

SPIDERS & SCORPIONS, INSECTS

Numbers & Breeds: _____

Group structures _____

Compatibility of Groups _____
Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed SpeciesSpace _____
Good (No aggression/anxiety) Aggression/Fighting Describe AboveCage/Tank Maintenance _____
Good (Stretch/move normally) Acceptable (stretch out/turn normally) Too small (Cramped together/no normal movement)Hygiene of cages _____
Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)Are Tarantulas protected from bright lights/full sun which will dry them out _____
Good Fair Bad Old/Soiled Food MouldTemperature Suitable _____
No Yes Describe AboveHow do staff handle animal _____
Note: Tropical species need more humidity than desert animalsDo they allow public to handle the animals _____
Good Fair Poor UnacceptableHandled by: Adults _____ Children (Age) _____ Only under supervision _____
Yes No Not SeenSecurity/safety _____
Door Latch/ Door LockAre tank covers secure to prevent escape _____
Yes NoEnrichment/Hiding Area _____
Logs / Wood / Box / Pipes / Tunnels Describe OtherSubstrate _____
Is substrate Clean & Absorbent _____Cleaning routine _____
Yes No Needs Changing OtherHeating _____
per day _____ per weekSafety of Heat Source _____
Heat Lamp / Light Bulb / Heat Tile / Hot water Bottle / Heating Pad / Element / NoneWater _____
No bare lamps One side of tank Over entire tankHygiene of water provision: _____
Non-tip Bowl Deep wide Bowl Shallow Bowl Gel Balls None AvailableDiet for Animals _____
Clean Dirty Filthy Green Algae SoiledSource of Food _____
Live Prey Dead Insects Food Flakes Describe Above

Frequency of feed _____ Do they remove old food: Yes _____ No _____

Condition of animals _____
Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe AboveDescribe concerns _____
Injuries/ Limbs missing/upside down Describe Other

How are animals transported from the shop: _____

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes _____ No _____

Inspector: J. O. E. B. 12

Date: 01/12/25

Time: 13:00

Follow up due

Comments:

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes _____ No _____

Inspector:

J. OLTORCH

Date:

01/2/25

Time:

13:00

Follow up due

Comments:

Yes _____ No _____

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