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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: Wesku lead en Dierbeheerders.
 Address: 17 F Heuningklip Road, Kredenburg.
 Name of Owner: Marius Viviers Cell: 083 286 9262
 Tel: _____ Fax/Email: _____
 Veterinarian: Kredenburg Animal Hospital Tel: 022 715 1444

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: Sick animals are 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: No rodent control.

 Suppliers of animals: Unwanted pets, local bird breeder.

 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 _____

Compatibility of Groups _____

Space _____

Cage Maintenance _____

Are cages raised off the ground to prevent handling/accidental kicking/reduce stress: _____

Hygiene of cages _____

Ventilation _____

Draughts _____

Temperature _____

Do they allow breeding _____

How do staff handle animals _____

Do they allow public to handle the animals _____

Hiding areas _____

Bedding _____

Is bedding clean & absorbent _____

Cleaning routine _____

Water _____

Hygiene of water provision _____

Diet _____

Frequency of feed _____

Is the diet _____

Are the animals fully weaned _____

Condition of animals _____

Describe Concerns _____

How are rodents transported from the shop _____

Where are unweaned rodents kept _____

Are unweaned rodents sold live? _____

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 others mixed All together

Compatibility of Groups _____

Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Mixed Sizes Bullying Describe Above

Space _____

Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out and normally & turn) Cramped/Too small

Cage Maintenance _____

Good Fair (no repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)

Hygiene of cages _____

Good Fair Unacceptable Excess Faeces Old/Soiled Food

Ventilation _____

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

Draughts _____

No Yes Describe Above

Temperature _____

Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Cuddled 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 _____

Non-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 Hygiene of fish tanks are good.

Is water clean Yes the water is clean.

Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair Yes

Do the tanks have efficient aeration Yes.

Do the tanks have filtration Yes.

Is water in tanks tested appropriately for temperature/pH/ammonia/nitrites/oxygen 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 Acceptable.

Describe Concerns None observed.

Temperature Suitable Yes

How often are the fish fed: Twice a day.

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 Mixture of 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 Describe Plastic bags with air.

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

In strong plastic bags pumped with pure oxygen

BIRDS

2x canaries.

Bird Numbers & Breeds 8x wave birds 6x Leckatials 2x budgie 6x finchesGroup structures GoodCompatibility of Groups Good Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed SpeciesSpace Acceptable Good (No aggression/anxiety) Chasing/Bullying etc Describe AboveCage Maintenance Good Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Grumpy/Too smallHygiene of cages Good, clean Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)Ventilation Good 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 inside the shop No Yes Describe AboveTemperature Comfortable No Yes Describe AboveShelter provided in outside pens NO outside pens Too Hot (Peak open etc) Too Cold (Dipped up/shivering) ComfortableAdequate 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 No YesSuppliers of birds Lepe Town No YesHow do staff handle animals Did not observeCleaning routine Once Very Well Good Fair Poor Unacceptable per day 7x days per weekWater Non tip bowl Non-Tip Bowl Hand on Bowl Bowl too deep Bowl too small None AvailableHygiene of water provision CleanDiet for Birds Seeds Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae SoiledFrequency of feed: 1x 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 Acceptable Yes (flapping themselves well) Just weaned Under-ageDescribe Concerns None observed Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe AboveHow are birds transported from the shop In a bird cage or Injuries/ Poor Feather Condition/ Feather Loss/ Listless/ Runny or Swollen Eyes/ NoseGarden box with holes

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 (some 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: non-absorbent material i.e. 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 _____

Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed Species

Compatibility of Groups _____

Good (No aggression/anxiety) Aggression/Fighting Describe Above

Space _____

Good (Stretch/move normally) Acceptable (stretch out/turn normally) Too small (cramped together/no normal movement)

Cage/Tank Maintenance _____

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

Hygiene of cages _____

Good Fair Bad Old/Soiled Food Mould

Are Tarantulas protected from bright lights/full sun which will dry them out _____

No Yes Describe Above

Temperature Suitable _____

Note: Tropical species need more humidity than desert animals

How do staff handle animal _____

Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Do they allow public to handle the animals _____

Yes No Not Seen

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

Security/safety _____

Door Latch/ Door Lock

Are tank covers secure to prevent escape _____

Yes No

Enrichment/Hiding Area _____

Logs / Wood / Box / Pipes / Tunnels Describe Other

Substrate _____

Is substrate 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 One side of tank Over entire tank

Water _____

Non-tip Bowl Deep Wide Bowl Shallow Bowl Gel Balls None Available

Hygiene of water provision: _____

Clean Dirty Filthy Green Algae Soiled

Diet for Animals _____

Live Prey Dead insects Food flakes Describe Above

Source of Food _____

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

Condition of animals _____

Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

Describe concerns _____

Injuries/ Limbs missing/upside down Describe Other

How are animals transported from the shop: _____

ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes _____ No ☒Comments:

- * Animals observed inside the shop is in acceptable conditions.
- * Shop was neat and tidy.
- * Bird cages was clean and well maintained.
- * Fish tank water clean, filtration also good.
- * Fresh water and food available for birds.
- * No sick, injured or dead animals was observed.

Inspector:

J. OCTOBER

Date:

4/8/26

Time:

15:00

Follow up due

Routine

Comments: