

RODENTS

Numbers: Rats 7 Mice 14 Guinea Pigs 19 Hamsters 8

Group structures _____

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

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

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

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 1 per day 1 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 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 ✓ 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 No Concerns

How are rodents transported from the shop Carrier or box

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

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

How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? Hitting on Head/live freezing Describe

CO2 (Unacceptable issue warning)

PUPPIES, KITTENS & RABBITS

Puppy Numbers & Breeds: N/A

Kitten Numbers: N/A Rabbit Numbers: 16

Group structures _____

Compatibility of Groups Singly Only with litter mates Some litters mixed All together

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

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

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

Ventilation Good Fair Unacceptable Excess Faeces Old/Soiled Food

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

Temperature _____ No Yes Describe Above

Shelter provided in outside pens _____ Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curled up/shivering) Comfortable

Do they allow breeding _____ Good Needs Improvement Poor None

How do staff handle animals _____ Yes No Describe Above

Do they allow public to handle animals: Adults ✓ Children (Age) Good Fair Poor Unacceptable 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 1 per day 1 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 N/A Kittens N/A

Diet for Rabbits Pellets Quality Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit Other

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

Frequency of feed Daily Do they remove old food? Yes ✓ No

Are the animals fully weaned? Yes (feeding themselves well) Just Weaned Not Weaned

Condition of animals not observed Good Fair Poor Very Poor

Describe Concerns _____

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

FISH

Hygiene of tanks _____

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

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

Do the tanks have efficient aeration Good Fair Poor Other

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

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

Are the tanks enriched _____

Are the tanks overstocked Plants Hiding Areas Rocks Gravel Other

Are lights turned off at night for fish to rest Good Fair Poor

Do tanks have covers Yes No

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

Condition of animals Yes No

Describe Concerns No Concerns Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

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

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

How often are the fish fed: Daily Not during weekends (unacceptable)

Is enough species specific food given Yes No Appears Acceptable

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

How do staff handle animals _____

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason No dead fish observed Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

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

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 not

How do the buyers transport the fish from the shop Describe Plastic Bag
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 No

BIRDS

Bird Numbers & Breeds Green fowls (12) Pigeons (22) Love Birds (12)
Rock doves (8), Finches (16), Parrots (9), Chicks (13)

Group structures _____

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

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

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

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

Ventilation Good Fair Poor Excess Faeces Old/Spoiled Food

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

Are birds left in full sun No Yes Describe Above

Temperature No Yes Describe Above

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

Adequate perch space Good Needs Improvement Poor None

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 Yes

Suppliers of birds Private & Public Members

How do staff handle animals _____

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

Water _____

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

Hygiene of water provision _____

Diet for Birds Wild seeds, Pigeon mix, Budgie's seeds, Chicks mix
Daily 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 (feeding themselves well) Just weaned Under-age

Condition of animals _____

Describe Concerns No Concerns observed Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

Injuries/ Poor Feather Condition/Feather Loss/Listless /Runny or Swollen Eyes/Nose

How are birds transported from the shop Cages & Carriers

REPTILES

Reptile Numbers & Breeds

Group structures

Compatibility of Groups

Space

Cage/Tank Maintenance

Hygiene of cages

Are reptiles left in full sun

Temperature Suitable

How do staff handle animals

Do they allow public to handle the animals

Handled by:

Venomous snakes: Are staff trained to handle

Security/safety

Are tank covers secure to prevent escape

Enrichment/Hiding Area

Bedding

Is bedding clean & absorbent

Cleaning routine

Heating

Safety of heat source

Water

Hygiene of water provision

Diet for reptiles

Source of prey

Frequency of feed

Condition of animals

Describe concerns

How are reptiles transported from the shop

Singly

In small groups

Large Groups

Same species

Mixed Species

Good (No aggression/anxiety)

Aggression

Describe Above

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

Good

Fair (some repairs needed)

Poor (harmful features)

Good

Fair

Bad

Excess Scat

Excess Shedded Skin

No

Yes

Describe Above

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

Good

Fair

Poor

Unacceptable

Yes

No

Not Seen

Yes

No

Double Door

Single Door

Door Latch

Door Lock

Back door

Warning signs

Yes

No

Logs / Wood / Box / Pipes

Tunnels

Describe Other

Snakes- non-abrasive material i.e. newspaper

Lizards- gravel

Describe Above

Yes

No

Needs Changing

Other

per day

per week

Heat Lamp

Light Bulb

Heat Tile

Hot water Bottle

Heating Pad

Element

None

No bare lamps

Non-Tip Bowl

Deep Wide Bowl

Too Small

None Available

Clean

Dirty

Filthy

Green Algae

Soiled

Live Prey (Unacceptable)

Dead Animals

Describe Above

Bought dead (from where)

Killed on site (describe method)

Other

Dependly on species

Do they remove old food? Yes ✓ No

Good

Fair

Poor

Very Poor

Describe

Bad Shedding

No Concerns observed

Injuries/ Laboured Breathing/Holding mouth open/Nasal discharge

Plastic pool with ventilation

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: _____

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: Creatures And Clitters
 Address: Old Man Road Bothas Hill
 Name of Owner: Richard Boynton Cell: _____
 Tel: 031 7656338 Fax/Email: _____
 Veterinarian: _____ 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: _____
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 No None Seen Separate Room

Rodent control: _____
Private ? ! Public Members Open Poison/Poison Stations/Poison Pipes/Live Traps: Cat Traps

Do they breed: _____
 Yes: No Uncertain Single Sex Groups

If breeding, what happens to offspring: _____
 Hand Reared Parent Reared Sold unweaned

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

Reason for hand rearing: _____
N/A