

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: Extraordinary Petz.

Address: 90 Nigel Road, Selection Park, Springs.

Name of Owner: Jeff Strydom Cell: 066 272 4682

Tel: — Fax/Email: jeffreystrydom@gmail.com

Veterinarian: Selpark Vet Clinic Tel: 011 815 3964.

Dr Garith Newby

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: So far in past month any sick/injured animals were treated with diet changes + separation from cage mates.

What happens to animals after hours: Kept in shop.

What treatment do Puppies get: Do not sell puppies

What treatment do Kittens get: Do not sell kittens

Quarantine Cages Provided: None seen or set up yet.

Rodent control: Not required apparently.

Suppliers of animals: Different breeding suppliers, expo's gumtree website, strays, public members.

Do they breed: Not intentionally; not in separate sex grouping so accidental breeding occurs.

If breeding, what happens to offspring: Parent reared.

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

Reason for hand rearing: N/A

7 hedgehogs. 2 Degu Squirrels 10 Gerbils.

RODENTS

Numbers: Rats 11 Mice 8 Guinea Pigs 6 Hamsters 17

Group structures Small groupings, separate sex groups.

Compatibility of Groups Good, playing and no bullying noted.

Space Acceptable - enough space to stretch but, turn, play.

Cage Maintenance Good

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

Hygiene of cages Good - Fresh woodshavings in all cages.

Ventilation Good, no ammonia smell.

Draughts No

Temperature Comfortable

Do they allow breeding Yes, not intentionally but do not separate sexes.

How do staff handle animals Good, with care and very gentle.

Do they allow public to handle the animals No.

Hiding areas Good, wooden boxes, plastic tunnels + houses.

Bedding Woodshavings.

Is bedding clean & absorbent Yes.

Cleaning routine once per week

Water Water bowls (hedgehogs) but mostly bottles.

Hygiene of water provision Clean

Diet Hedgehogs - kitten pellets, meal worms, crickets, cockroaches.

Frequency of feed once p/d.

Is the diet Good + nutritious → species specific + as required for health.

Are the animals fully weaned Yes.

Condition of animals Good - no sick or injured animals seen.

Describe Concerns

How are rodents transported from the shop Boxes with holes, or enclosures bought to keep them in.

Where are unweaned rodents kept with mother

Are unweaned rodents sold live? No

How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? Do not kill for reptile food.

CO2 (Unacceptable issue warning) Hitting on Head/live freezing Describe

more than once a week if needed.

hamsters - hamster mix

→ Degu's:

Degu mix

PUPPIES, KITTENS & RABBITSPuppy Numbers & Breeds: NoneKitten Numbers: None Rabbit Numbers: 8Group structures Singly or litter matesCompatibility of Groups Good - playing, no bullying observed.
Singly Only with litter mates Some litters mixed All togetherSpace Good - play, stretch out, normal turning, jumping.
Good (Play & move normally) Good (Play & positive interaction) Poor (small) Bullying Describe AboveCage Maintenance Good.
Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too smallHygiene of cages Good - clean and fresh straw.
Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)Ventilation Good, not stuffy or smelly.
Good Fair Unacceptable Excess Faeces Old/Soiled FoodDraughts No.
Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) Describe AboveTemperature Comfortable
No Yes Describe AboveShelter provided in outside pens No outside pens.
Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curled up/shivering) ComfortableDo they allow breeding Not intentionally, don't separate sexes.
Good Needs Improvement Poor NoneHow do staff handle animals Good
Yes No Describe AboveDo they allow public to handle animals: Adults No Children (Age) No Under supervision No
Good Fair Poor UnacceptableFloor construction: Concrete in big rabbit pen, wood in rabbit hutch.
Wood Concrete Chicken Mesh Weld Mesh Soil OtherBedding: Straw.
Blankets Bed Carpet Soil Sawdust Straw Newspaper OtherIs Bedding Clean & Absorbent: Yes
Yes No Needs Changing OtherCleaning routine once/twice per day once/twice per week
Yes No Needs Changing OtherWater Non-tip ceramic bowls.
Non-Tip Bowl Bowl too small Bowl too deep to reach water None AvailableHygiene of water provision Clean.
Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae SoiledDiet for Puppies N/A Kittens N/ADiet for Rabbits Pellets, roughage, carrots.
Quality Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit OtherIs the diet Fair - could add more variety of veg.
Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not Enough OtherFrequency of feed once p/d Do they remove old food? Yes ☒ No ☐Are the animals fully weaned? Yes.
Yes (feeding themselves well) Just Weaned Not WeanedCondition of animals Good, no sick or injured animals seen.
Good Fair Poor Very PoorDescribe Concerns _____
Injuries/Poor Coat/Listless/Runny Eyes/Runny Nose/Diarrhoea

however none of the rabbits are sexually mature

as needed if more regularly.

FISH

owner has only done water change in past month.

Hygiene of tanks Good, no algae or murky water seen.
 Is water clean Yes, very clear, not smelly, cloudy, murky.
 Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair Good repair + fully working.
 Do the tanks have efficient aeration Good - lots of bubbles.
 Do the tanks have filtration Good
 Is water in tanks tested appropriately for temperature/pH/ammonia/nitrites/oxygen Yes
 Are the tanks enriched Yes - plants, rocks, hiding statues.
 Are the tanks overstocked No - not huge crowds of fish in each tank.
 Are lights turned off at night for fish to rest Yes - 12 hour cycle
 Do tanks have covers Yes - plastic covers.
 Water at proper level (should be small gap between top of water and cover) Yes.
 Condition of animals Good - no spots seen, no injured fins.
 Describe Concerns _____

Unusual growths, patches or spots/Wounds/Abnormal swimming/ Over or Under activity/Bloating/Fin damage/Panting at surface/Rubbing/Clamped fins
 Temperature Suitable Yes, species specific
 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 - owner almost always there

How do staff handle animals Not seen

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason No

Compatibility of Groups Good - no chasing / bullying observed.

How are fish destroyed when necessary Never had to destroy live fish before.

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 N/A

How do the buyers transport the fish from the shop Plastic bags pumped with O₂.

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

generator + air pumps & getting generator set up. have air pumps.

BIRDS

Bird Numbers & Breeds 11 lovebirds; 4 Diamond Doves; 3 Finches.

Group structures Small groups - max 3 per cage.

Compatibility of Groups Good - no aggression, bullying seen.

Space Acceptable - can move freely, on and off perches.

Cage Maintenance Good

Hygiene of cages Good - clean newspaper seen.

Ventilation Good - no smell; not stuffy.

Are birds exposed to draughts No.

Are birds left in full sun No - cages are indoors

Temperature Comfortable

Shelter provided in outside pens N/A

Adequate perch space Good - can each rest on perches comfortably.

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 - and away from food.

Suppliers of birds Came with shop from previous owners.

How do staff handle animals Not seen.

Cleaning routine Once per day per week

Water Hanging water feeder

Hygiene of water provision Clean

Diet for Birds Species specific seed mix

Frequency of feed: Once pld 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 Fair - could give some veg for variety.

Are the animals fully weaned Yes

Condition of animals Good - no sick or injured birds seen.

Describe Concerns _____

How are birds transported from the shop In boxes or carriers or in cages bought to keep them in at home.

6 leopard geckos

8 ball pythons

2 blood pythons

4 bearded dragons

Reptile Numbers & Breeds

REPTILES

+ 1 baby bearded dragon + 5 baby corn snakes

+ 5 adults corn snakes

Group structures Snakes and geckos kept individually; 2 bearded dragons kept together.

Compatibility of Groups Good

Space Good - can stretch, move easily, can use enrichment objects.

Cage/Tank Maintenance Good.

Hygiene of cages Good - clean newspaper + substrate seen.

Are reptiles left in full sun No - cages indoors.

Temperature Suitable Species specific temperatures

How do staff handle animals Not seen.

Do they allow public to handle the animals No

Handled by: Adults No Children (Age) No Only under supervision No

Venomous snakes: Are staff trained to handle No venomous snakes

Security/safety sliding glass doors

Are tank covers secure to prevent escape Yes

Enrichment/Hiding Area Rock houses

Bedding Newspaper (snakes) mulch (bearded dragons + geckos)

Is bedding clean & absorbent Yes.

Cleaning routine Once per day

Heating bearded dragons (UV light); heat pads, LED lights.

Safety of heat source Bare lamps not enclosed in cages.

Water Non-tip ceramic bowls.

Hygiene of water provision Clean

Diet for reptiles Snakes - frozen prey. Bearded dragons + geckos, + dragon pellets

Source of prey Bought frozen from supplier

Frequency of feed Once pld; every 2nd day

Condition of animals Good - no sick + injured reptiles seen

Describe concerns one deformed dragon seen but all things considered not in bad condition

How are reptiles transported from the shop Boxes or crates with holes.

1 mexican pine leg 1 pink zebra beauty. 1 x bird eater
SPIDERS & SCORPIONS, INSECTS

Numbers & Breeds: 1 curly hair spiders; 1 mexican flame knee
 Group structures Singly

Compatibility of Groups Not in groups.
 (Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed Species)

Space Acceptable - can stretch normally, move around
 (Good (No aggression/anxiety) Aggression/Fighting Describe Above)
 (Good (Stretch/move normally) Acceptable (stretch out/turn normally) Too small (cramped together/no normal movement))

Cage/Tank Maintenance Good

Hygiene of cages Good - clean substrate, clean glass surfaces.
 (Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features))

Are Tarantulas protected from bright lights/full sun which will dry them out N/A
 (Good Fair Bad Old/Soiled Food Mould)

Temperature Suitable Yes, species specific humidity levels
 (Note: Tropical species need more humidity than desert animals)

How do staff handle animal Not seen
 (Good Fair Poor Unacceptable)

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

Handled by: Adults No Children (Age) No Only under supervision No

Security/safety Wooden covers that latch onto glass tank
 (Door Latch/ Door Lock)

Are tank covers secure to prevent escape Yes - heavy
 (Yes No)

Enrichment/Hiding Area Logs, plastic plants
 (Logs / Wood / Box / Pipes / Tunnels Describe Other)

Substrate mulch

Is substrate Clean & Absorbent Yes

Cleaning routine once every 3 months
 (Yes No Needs Changing Other)
 (per day per week)

Heating None

Safety of Heat Source N/A
 (Heat Lamp / Light Bulb / Heat Tile / Hot water Bottle / Heating Pad / Element / None)

Water Non-tip ceramic bowl (for display), spray sides with water everyday.
 (No bare lamps One side of tank Over entire tank)
 (Non-tip Bowl Deep Wide Bowl Shallow Bowl Gel Balls None Available)

Hygiene of water provision: Clean

Diet for Animals Live crickets + cockroaches
 (Clean Dirty Filthy Green Algae Soiled)

Source of Food Bred in shop?
 (Live Prey Dead insects Food flakes Describe Above)

Frequency of feed once every 2nd day Do they remove old food: Yes ✓ No _____

Condition of animals Good

Describe concerns _____
 (Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above)

How are animals transported from the shop: boxes
 (Injuries/ Limbs missing/upside down Describe Other)

ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes _____ No αComments:

Owner bought the shop with all the animals about a month ago; therefore, not much is happening yet. However, the conditions of the animals have improved compared to under the care of the previous owner. Hygiene has improved drastically with new ownership. ALL snakes have been moved over to frozen feed and no longer gets fed live prey.

Only major concern noted was the presence of 5 ferrets. All ferrets are in good condition, sterilised and in adequate enclosures with litter boxes, food + water, bedding, toys, enrichment objects. I informed the owner he cannot sell or keep ferrets and that GDARD should and will be contacted even if I did not find any welfare concerns.

Inspector: Charne J. Hand Date: 04/05/2022 Time: 10:42Follow up due in one month → June 2022.Comments: