

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: BELGRAVIA PET SHOP

Address: BELGRAVIA PET SHOP

Name of Owner: _____ Cell: 067 095 1921

Tel: _____ Fax/Email: _____

Veterinarian: NONE Tel: _____

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: SELF MEDICATE
 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: THERE ARE EXTRA CAGES FOR SICK/INJURED ANIMALS.
 Yes No None Seen Separate Room

Rodent control: CATS
 Open Poison/Poison Stations/Poison Pipes/Live Traps/Rat Traps

Suppliers of animals: OWNER NOT PRESENT TO TELL ME.

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

If breeding, what happens to offspring: SELL WHEN WEANED
 Hand Reared / Parent Reared / Sold Unweaned

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

Reason for hand rearing: N/A

N/A

RODENTS

Numbers: Rats _____ Mice _____ Guinea Pigs _____ Hamsters _____

Group structures _____

Compatibility of Groups _____
Singly Mother & Young Separate Same sizes together All togetherSpace _____
Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Fighting Bullying Describe AboveCage Maintenance _____
Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too smallAre cages raised off the ground to prevent handling/accidental kicking/reduce stress: _____
Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)Hygiene of cages _____
Yes NoVentilation _____
Good Fair Bad Excess Faeces Old/Soiled FoodDraughts _____
Good (No Ammonia Smell) Fair Poor (Ammonia Smell)Temperature _____
No Yes DescribeDo they allow breeding _____
Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curled up/shivering) Comfortable (20°C- 24°C)How do staff handle animals _____
Yes No Describe AboveDo they allow public to handle the animals _____
Good Fair Poor UnacceptableHiding areas _____
Yes No Not SeenBedding _____
Good (Box/Plastic Container) Fair (not enough) Unacceptable (None) OtherIs bedding clean & absorbent _____
Sawdust Straw Newspaper OtherCleaning routine _____
Yes / No Needs Changing Type: Sawdust/Newspaper/OtherWater _____
per day _____ per weekHygiene of water provision _____
Non- tip Bowl Bowl too small Bowl too deep to reach water None availableDiet _____
Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae SoiledFrequency of feed _____
Good Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit Vit C for Guinea Pigs (220mg/lit water daily)

Do they remove old food? Yes _____ No _____

Is the diet _____
Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not enough Other commentsAre the animals fully weaned _____
Yes (feeding themselves well) Just Weaned Under AgeCondition of animals _____
Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe AboveDescribe 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/cage/box)Are unweaned rodents sold live? _____
No (Good) Yes (Unacceptable)How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? _____
CO2 (Acceptable) Hitting on Head/live freezing Describe

N/A

PUPPIES, KITTENS & RABBITS

Puppy Numbers & Breeds: _____

Kitten Numbers: _____ Rabbit Numbers: _____

Group structures _____
Singly Only with litter mates Some litters mixed All togetherCompatibility of Groups _____
Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Mixed Sizes Bullying Describe AboveSpace _____
Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too smallCage Maintenance _____
Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)Hygiene of cages _____
Good Fair Unacceptable Excess Faeces Old/Soiled FoodVentilation _____
Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) Describe AboveDraughts _____
No Yes Describe AboveTemperature _____
Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curled up/shivering) ComfortableShelter provided in outside pens _____
Good Needs Improvement Poor NoneDo they allow breeding _____
Yes No Describe AboveHow 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 OtherBedding: _____
Blankets Bed Carpet Soil Sawdust Straw Newspaper OtherIs 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 AvailableHygiene of water provision _____
Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled

Diet for Puppies _____ Kittens _____

Diet for Rabbits _____
Quality Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit OtherIs 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 WeanedCondition of animals _____
Good Fair Poor Very PoorDescribe Concerns _____
Injuries/Poor Coat/Listless/Runny Eyes/Runny Nose/Diarrhoea

FISH

Hygiene of tanks GOOD

Is water clean YES

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 PLANTS

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 GOOD

Describe Concerns NONE

Temperature Suitable YES

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: GENERATOR

How do staff handle animals GOOD

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason NO

Compatibility of Groups GOOD

How are fish destroyed when necessary NOT SURE: THEY SAY IT HASN'T HAPPENED.

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 BAG

Is the chlorine removed from tap water before adding to tanks (Aerated for 24 hours or a de-chlorinating product used)? NO

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

Clear (see fish clearly) Quite Clear Smelly Foamy (on surface) Cloudy

Good Fair Poor Other

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

Good Fair None

Plants Hiding Areas Rocks Gravel Other

Good Fair Poor

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

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

Goldfish 10°C – 22°C; Tropical fish 23°C- 27°C

Daily Not during weekends (unacceptable)

Yes No Appears Acceptable

Yes No

Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Good Poor (Chasing/Bullying/Hiding/Damaged fins)

BIRDS

Bird Numbers & Breeds PIGEONS (8) LOVEBIRDS (8) RING⁽¹⁾ COCKATIEL (2)
NECK

Group structures STAG LARGE GROUPS / SAME SPECIES.
Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed Species

Compatibility of Groups GOOD
Good (No aggression/anxiety) Chasing/Bullying etc Describe Above

Space CRAMPED.
Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too small

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

Hygiene of cages GOOD
Good Fair Poor Excess Faeces Old/Spilled Food

Ventilation GOOD
Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) Other

Are birds exposed to draughts YES
No Yes Describe Above

Are birds left in full sun NO
No Yes Describe Above

Temperature GOOD
Too Hot (Beak open etc) Too Cold (Fluffed up/shivering) Comfortable

Shelter provided in outside pens FAIR
Good Needs Improvement Poor None

Adequate perch space NO
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 Yes

Suppliers of birds NOT SURE: OWNER NOT PRESENT.

How do staff handle animals GOOD
Very Well Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Cleaning routine DAILY.
per day per week

Water SOME DID NOT HAVE - NON TIP BOWL
Non-Tip Bowl Hanging Bowl Bowl too deep Bowl too small None Available

Hygiene of water provision DIRTY.
Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled

Diet for Birds A BIRD FOOD - MILLIES

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

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

How are birds transported from the shop CARD BOARD BOXES.