



PET SHOP CHECK LIST

Case Number: **INSP231255**

Date of Inspection: April 22, 2026

Time of Inspection: 15:05

Name & Surname of Inspector/s: Elani Graham

Name of Petshop: Uponics

Address: Claremont , 239 Imam Haron str
Claremont

Name of Owner: Taariq O

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Does this shop sell animals? Yes

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals? Self medicate, Taken to vet

What happens to animals after hours: Kept in shop

Quarantine Cages provided for sick or new animals: Yes

What Rodent control does the shop use? N/A

Suppliers of animals:

	Animal type	Supplier name	Contact
1	Fish	Not known	-

Do they breed? Unsure

If breeding, what happens to the offspring? Hand-Reared

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

RODENTS

Are there Rodents? Not sold

PUPPIES, KITTENS & RABBITS

Are there puppies, kittens &/or rabbits? Not sold

FISH

Are there Fish? Yes

Numbers of live fish

	Breed	Numbers
1	Pleco	30
2	Rummynose	30
3	Dwarf Pea Puffer	30
4	Isopods	100
5	Mudskipper	3
6	Shrimp	30
7	Otocinclus	30
8	Snail	70
9	Hatchets	30
10	Corydoras	40

Hygiene of tanks Good, Natural systems

Is water clean Clear (see fish clearly)

Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair Good

Do the tanks have efficient aeration Good (Bubbles)

Do the tanks have filtration Good

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

Are the tanks enriched Plants, None provided ***

Are the tanks overstocked Good

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, Did not observe any sick or dead

Describe Concerns No concerns observed

Temperature Suitable - Goldfish 10°C – 22°C Yes

Temperature Suitable - Tropical fish 23°C-27°C	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:	Yes
How do staff handle animals	Good
Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason	None seen
Compatibility of Groups	Good
How are fish destroyed when necessary	Acceptable - 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	Yes, mudskippers not amphibious
How do the buyers transport the fish from the shop	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

Please describe any concerns relating to the fish

The fish tanks were mostly acceptable in all aspects, however more hiding spaces/ enrichment could be included in some tanks which did not have any or little. Taariq was eager to get ideas from me. I can see he is truly passionate about what he does as he also studies marine biology.

BIRDS

Are there Birds? Not sold

REPTILES

Are there reptiles? Not sold

SPIDERS, SCORPIONS & INSECTS

Are there spiders, scorpions &/or insects? Yes

Numbers of live spiders, scorpions & insects

	Species / Breed	Numbers	Condition of animals
1	Isopods	70	Good

Diet - with reference to the table above

	Feed type and brand	Frequency	Is the diet?	Do they remove old food	Do they feed live prey?	Comments
1	Natural compost/mosses	Ad-lib	Good & Nutritious	Yes		

Group Structures	All together
Compatibility of Groups	Good (No aggression or anxiety)
Space	Good (Stretch/move normally)
Cage/Tank Maintenance	Good
Hygiene of cages/tanks	Good, Naturally enriched
Are Tarantulas protected from bright lights/full sun which will dry them out?	N/A
Note: Tropical species need more humidity than desert animals	N/A
How do staff handle animals?	Good
Do they allow public to handle the animals?	Not seen

	Adults	Supervised	Children	Supervised
Handling	0	Yes	0	Yes

Security/safety	N/A
Are tank covers secure to prevent escape?	Yes
Enrichment/Hiding Area	Logs, Wood, Soil
Substrate used?	Soil and plant matter
Is substrate clean & absorbent?	Yes
Cleaning routine	

	Per day	Per week
How often is cleaning done	1	1

Heating	None
Safety of heat source	Acceptable

Water provision

	YES or NO	Bowl type	Hygiene of water provision	Comments
Water	Yes	Other - describe in comments	Clean	Mist

How are reptiles transported from the shop Boxes

Please describe any concerns relating to SPIDERS & SCORPIONS, INSECTS

None were observed

General comments

Very friendly staff and passionate. Eager to learn more about the APA and shows respect for us. He understood about hiding spaces. Because he works with natural substrate, he agreed to include something by Friday and was eager to be creative about it, even if it's plants or holders.

Was a warning issued? No

Is a follow up necessary Yes

Date for follow up April 24, 2026