



PET SHOP CHECK LIST

Case Number: 231445

Date of Inspection: April 28, 2026

Time of Inspection: 14:12

Name & Surname of Inspector/s: Rowan Davids and Elani Steenkamp

Name of Petshop: Aquatic Warehouse

Address: Aquatic Warehouse, 117 Victoria road
Plumstead

Name of Owner: Abdul Khalek

Cellphone Number: (064) 236-2119

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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

What treatment do Puppies get: None

What treatment do Kittens get: None

Quarantine Cages provided for sick or new animals: Yes

What Rodent control does the shop use? Rentokil

Do they breed? Yes

If breeding, what happens to the offspring? Parent Reared, Fish

If removed for hand rearing, from what age: Suitable

RODENTS

Are there Rodents? Not sold

PUPPIES, KITTENS & RABBITS

Are there puppies, kittens &/or rabbits? Yes

Numbers of live puppies, kittens & rabbits

	Numbers	Breeds
Puppies	0	
Kittens	0	
Rabbits	2	

What treatment do Puppies get:	None
What treatment do Kittens get:	None
Group Structures	Singly
Compatibility of Groups	Good (Play & Positive Interaction)
Space	Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn)
Cage Maintenance	Fair (some repairs needed)
Hygiene of cages	Bad ***, Excess Faeces ***
Draughts	Cages on top of each other
Ventilation	Poor (Stuffy & Smelly) ***
Temperature	Comfortable (20°c- 24°c)
Shelter provided in outside pens	Not applicable
Do they allow breeding?	No
How do staff handle animals?	Good
Do they allow public to handle the animals?	Not seen

	Adults	Supervised	Children	Supervised
Handling	0	Yes		

Hiding areas	Unacceptable (None) ***
Floor construction:	Plastic
Bedding	Sawdust

Bedding description

	YES or NO	Type of bedding	Does it need to be changed?	Comments?
Is the bedding clean and absorbent?	Yes	Sawdust	Yes	Thick faeces on bottom of enclosure

Cleaning routine

	Per day	Per week
How often is cleaning done	Rarely	Rarely

Water provision

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

Diet

	Feed type and brand	Frequency	Is the diet?	Do they remove old food	Comments
Puppies	0				
Kittens	0				
Rabbits	Rabbit food	Ad-lib	Good & Nutritious	No ***	

Are the animals fully weaned Yes (feeding themselves well)

	Condition of animals
Puppies	0
Kittens	0
Rabbits	Good

Health concerns No concerns noted

How are animals transported from the shop Cages and boxes

Please describe any concerns relating to Puppies, Kittens and/or Rabbits
They had no hiding spaces and the cages was dirty and soiled with old faeces.

FISH

Are there Fish? Yes

Numbers of live fish

	Breed	Numbers
1	Arowana	
2	Shovelnose Catfish	
3	Red leopard molly	
4	Siamese fighters	
5	Shrimp	

	Breed	Numbers
6	Guppies	
7	Danios	
8	Parrot	
9	Gold fish	
10	Koi	Etc.

Hygiene of tanks	Fair
Is water clean	Quite Clear
Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair	Fair
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, Hiding areas, Gravel
Are the tanks overstocked	Fair
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	Poor ***, Arowana and shovelnose catfish in need of treatment, dead fish found in tanks
Describe Concerns	Wounds, Abnormal swimming, Bloating
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	Unknown. Single fish in colonies found
Compatibility of Groups	Good

How are fish destroyed when necessary Acceptable - submersion in clove oil (and other suitable chemicals), Left to die ***, Had to educate on clove oil

Do Aquatic Amphibians have a shelf or floating island to enable them to get out of the water Yes mudskippers

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

Arowana and shovelnose catfish swam upside down, no buoyancy. A few dead fish were found in some tanks.

BIRDS

Are there Birds? Yes

Numbers of live birds

	Breed	Numbers	Condition of birds
1	Canaries	10	
2	Parakeets	6	
3	Cockatiels	4	
4	Budgie	25	
5	Finch	10	
6	Lovebird	6	

Diet - with reference to the table above

	Feed type and brand	Frequency	Is the diet?	Do they remove old food	Comments
1	Species specific	Ad-lib	Good & Nutritious	Yes	

Group Structures Singly, Same sizes together

Compatibility of Groups Good (Play & Positive Interaction)

Space Good (Play & move normally)

Cage Maintenance Fair (some repairs needed) ***

Hygiene of cages Excess Faeces ***

Ventilation Good (Fresh & Clean)

Are birds exposed to draughts? Room draught

Are birds left in full sun?	No
Temperature	Comfortable
Shelter provided in outside pens	Not applicable
Adequate Perch Space - Note: Birds need more horizontal space than vertical. Approx 10cm horizontal space per bird such as parakeets	Good (all can rest on perches at same time)
Is the thickness of the perch adequate?	Yes
Are perches placed above each other (causing faeces to drop onto birds below?)	No
Do they allow breeding?	No
Suppliers of birds	Unknown
How do staff handle animals?	Good
Do they allow public to handle the animals?	Not seen

	Adults	Supervised	Children	Supervised
Handling	0	Yes		

Cleaning routine

	Per day	Per week
How often is cleaning done	Once	Sporadically

Water provision

	YES or NO	Bowl type	Hygiene of water provision	Comments
Water	Yes	Other - describe in comments	Dirty ***	Rusted, old and dirty

Are the animals fully weaned Yes (feeding themselves well)

Health concerns No concerns observed

How are birds transported from the shop Boxes and cages

Please describe any concerns relating to Birds

Some of the water bowls were rusted and the water dirty, some nest boxes were dilapidated and packed with faeces. Some cages needed more perching space. Some had sunflower specific feed.

REPTILES

Are there reptiles? Not sold

SPIDERS, SCORPIONS & INSECTS

Are there spiders, scorpions &/or insects? Not sold

General comments

See above and warning for issues to be addressed

Was a warning issued? Yes

Warning number 15162 and 15163

Is a follow up necessary Yes

Date for follow up April 30, 2026