

Pet Shop Licensing Conditions

Before being granted a licence the applicant must be able to demonstrate to the Council's Licensing Inspector:

- that they are suitably qualified to keep animals with regard to the type and number proposed to be kept
- that the animals will be kept in accommodation that is suitable in respect of construction, size, temperature lighting, ventilation and cleanliness
- that animals will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding materials and (so far as is necessary) visited at suitable intervals
- that mammals will not be sold at too early an age
- that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of infectious disease amongst the animals
- that appropriate steps will be taken to protect the animals in the case of fire or other emergency, including the provision of suitable fire fighting equipment
- that a register containing a description of any animal received on the premises, the animals age and sex, the date of acquisition and departure and the source from which the animals are received, and that the register will be available for inspection at all times by a Licensing Inspector or by a veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Practitioner authorised by Solihull Council
- no animal will be sold to a child under the age of 16 years

A licence may be refused or withheld on other grounds if those grounds are such that conditions are not suitable for the keeping of animals.

Each licence is subject to standard conditions that are imposed on all pet shops licensed by Solihull Council. In addition to the standard conditions a licence may also contain special conditions that are only applicable to your premises.

Offences and Penalties

The following offences and penalties apply to the pet shops.

- any person found guilty of keeping a pet shop without a licence may be subject to a fine not exceeding £500 or to three months imprisonment or both
- any person found guilty of failing to comply with their licence conditions may be subject to a fine not exceeding £500 or to three months imprisonment or both
- any person found guilty of obstructing or delaying an Inspector, or authorised Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Practitioner in the exercising of their powers of entry may be fined up to a maximum of £500

If found guilty under this Act, the defendant's licence may be cancelled and they may be disqualified from keeping a pet shop for such length of time as the Court thinks fit.