



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

#### APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE AUTHORISING THE KEEPING OF A BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT FOR ANIMALS AT PREMISES IN THE AREA OF THE COUNCIL

To: Head of Environmental Health  
Environmental Health Service  
Ebley Mill  
Westward Road  
Stroud  
Glos. GL5 4UB

Telephone No: 01453 766321

I / We \_\_\_\_\_

carrying on the business under the name of \_\_\_\_\_

and not for the time being a person(s) disqualified from keeping a boarding establishment for animals, HEREBY APPLY for a licence under the abovementioned Act authorising me/us to keep a boarding establishment for animals on premises (proposed to be) occupied by me/us at \_\_\_\_\_

I / We require the licence to operate as from the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

A remittance of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the licensing fee.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (if other than above) \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Serial No: ..... Considered: ..... Registered: ..... Licence No: ..... Date Licence Granted: .....	Please return this form duly completed to:  STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, EBLEY MILL, WESTWARD ROAD STROUD, GLOS GL5 4UB	<u>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</u> Date of Inspection ..... Inspecting Officer ..... <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u> ..... Amount Rec'd ..... Date Rec'd ..... Initials ..... Cost Centre/A/c Code K36 3022 K803 Receipt No ..... Date Issued .....
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## **ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963**

Under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 it is an offence to keep an animal boarding establishment except under the authority of a licence granted for the purpose.

The Act defines the "keeping of a boarding establishment for animals" as the carrying on at premises of any nature (including a private dwelling) of a business of providing accommodation for other peoples' animals. "Animal" means any dog or cat.

A person is not to be deemed to keep a boarding establishment for animals by reason only of his providing accommodation for other peoples' animals in connection with a business of which the provision of such accommodation is not the main activity.

The Council are the responsible licensing authority for this area and among the factors, which they are obliged to take into account in deciding whether to grant a licence in any particular case are:-

- (a) the suitability of the accommodation as respects construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;
- (b) arrangements for suitable food and drink, bedding material, adequate exercise of and regular visits to the animals;
- (c) that reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of infection among the animals; and
- (d) that there are adequate precautions against fire and other emergencies.

The Council will specify in the licence, if granted, such conditions as appear to them necessary or expedient for securing all or any of these objects. Any of the Council's Officers, or any veterinary surgeon or any veterinary practitioner who is for the time being registered may, if authorised to do so by the Council in writing, enter and inspect at all reasonable times any licensed premises and any animals found thereon, for the purpose of ascertaining whether an offence has been/is being committed under the Act.

A licence will relate to the year in which it is granted or the next following year, according to the applicant's requirements coming into operation in the former case on the date on which it is granted and in the latter case on the 1st January next; and in each case remaining in force until the end of the year to which it relates, unless previously cancelled.

The penalties for offences under the Act include substantial fines and/or imprisonment for not more than three months or both. A further penalty is the cancellation of the licence, which may follow conviction for any offence under the Act or under the Protection of Animals Act 1911, or the Pet Animals Act 1951.

Application for a licence should be made on the form overleaf, which should be forwarded to the Council together with the licensing fee.