



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

### PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

#### APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE AUTHORISING THE KEEPING OF A PET SHOP 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 (persons) disqualified from keeping a pet shop HEREBY APPLY  
for a licence under the above mentioned Act authorising me/us to keep a pet shop 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) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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<i>Serial No:</i> ..... <i>Considered:</i> ..... <i>Registered:</i> ..... <i>Licence No:</i> ..... <i>Date Licence Granted:</i> .....	Please return this form duly completed to:  <b>STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL  ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  SERVICE,EBLEY MILL,  WESTWARD ROAD  STROUD, GLOS, GL5 4UB</b>	<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b> Date of Inspection ..... Inspecting Officer ..... <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u> ..... Amount Rec'd ..... Date Rec'd ..... Initials ..... <b>Cost Centre/A/c Code K36 3022 K803</b> Receipt No ..... Date Issued .....
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## **PET ANIMALS ACT 1951**

Under the Pet Animals Act 1951 it is an offence to keep a pet shop establishment except under the authority of a licence granted for the purpose.

The Act defines the "keeping of a pet shop" as the carrying on at premises of any nature (including a private dwelling) of a business of selling animals as pets and as including the keeping of animals in such premises with a view to their being sold in the course of such a business, whether by the keeping thereof or by any other person. "Animals" includes any description of vertebrate and "premises" include any stall or barrow in a market but not any stall elsewhere or any part of a street or public place.

A person who keeps or sells pedigree animals bred by him is not to be deemed to keep a pet shop by reason only of such keeping or selling. A pedigree animal is an animal of any description which is by breeding eligible for registration with a recognised club or society keeping a register of animals of that description.

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 size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;
- (b) arrangements for suitable food and drink and regular visits to the animals;
- (c) that animals (mammal) will not be sold at too early an age;
- (d) that reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of infection among the animals; and
- (e) 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 duly 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 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.

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

**DETAILS OF ANIMALS TO BE INCLUDED ON LICENCE**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**NAME OF PREMISES: .....**

<b><u>SPECIES</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER TO BE KEPT</u></b>