

PET SHOP CHECK LIST

Inspection Details

This is an internal document to be used by Inspectors to guide them in undertaking a basic pet shop inspection. The most common species have been included here together with common concerns but it is up to the inspector to find out more information, ask questions and ensure that appropriate action is taken to ensure the welfare of the animals is protected.

Explanatory Note: When completing this checklist, the relative observations can be circled or underlined and or inspectors comments recorded on the line above. For example:

Hygiene of cages: Overall good - cages being cleaned during inspection Hamsters
Good Fair Bad Excess Faeces Old/Soiled Food

Name of Pet Shop: PICKREWSYN PETSHOP
 Address: 61 MAIN STR, VREDENBURG
 Name of Owner: JOSHUA RUSSOW Cell: 083 233 8604
 Tel: _____ Fax/Email: pickrewsynpetshop@gmail.com
 Veterinarian: VREDENBURG ANIMAL HOSPITAL Tel: _____

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: _____
MINOR MATTER
Self medicate New owners must treat Taken to vet

What happens to animals after hours: _____
Kept in shop Go home with owner Sent back to supplier

What treatment do Puppies get: N/A
Vaccine De-wormer Vaccine on Request None Other

What treatment do Kittens get: N/A
Vaccine De-wormer Vaccine on Request None Other

Quarantine Cages Provided: _____

Rodent control: HAZTECH - HAZPEST BAIT STATIONS
Yes No None Seen Separate Room

Suppliers of animals: LOCAC, CPT & JHB
Open Poison/Poison Stations/Poison Pipes/Live Traps/Rat Traps

Do they breed: _____
Yes No Uncertain Single Sex Groups

If breeding, what happens to offspring: N/A
Hand-Reared / Parent Reared / Solo Unweaned

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

Reason for hand rearing: N/A

RODENTS

Numbers: Rats _____ Mice _____ Guinea Pigs _____ Hamsters 20

Group structures _____
 Compatibility of Groups _____
 Space _____
 Cage Maintenance _____
 Are cages raised off the ground to prevent handling/accidental kicking/reduce stress: Yes No

Hygiene of cages _____
 Ventilation _____
 Draughts _____
 Temperature _____
 Do they allow breeding _____
 How do staff handle animals _____
 Do they allow public to handle the animals _____
 Hiding areas _____
 Bedding _____
 Is bedding clean & absorbent _____
 Cleaning routine _____ per day _____ per week

Water _____
 Hygiene of water provision _____
 Diet HAMSTER MIX, NOT THE BEST BUT SUITABLE
 Frequency of feed ADLIB Do they remove old food? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the diet FAIR
 Are the animals fully weaned _____
 Condition of animals _____
 Describe Concerns NONE OBSERVED
 How are rodents transported from the shop Box, or with new bought cage
 Where are unweaned rodents kept N/A
 Are unweaned rodents sold live? N/A
 How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? Does not kill/sell
 CO2 (Unacceptable issue warning) Hitting on Head/live freezing Describe

FISHHygiene of tanks ± 300 FISHIs water clean Good Fair Poor Excess Algae Waste Material (Faeces/Debris)Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair Clear (see fish clearly) Quite Clear Smelly Foamy (on surface) CloudyDo the tanks have efficient aeration Good Fair Poor OtherDo the tanks have filtration Good (Bubbles) Fair (some bubbles) Unacceptable (No bubbles)Is water in tanks tested appropriately for temperature/pH/ammonia/nitrites/oxygen Yes Good Fair None Yes NoAre the tanks enriched Plants Hiding Areas Rocks Gravel OtherAre the tanks overstocked NO Good Fair PoorAre lights turned off at night for fish to rest Yes NoDo tanks have covers Yes NoWater at proper level (should be small gap between top of water and cover) Yes NoCondition of animals Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe AboveDescribe Concerns NONE observedTemperature Suitable Yes, SPECIES SPECIFIC Unusual growths, patches or spots/Wounds/Abnormal swimming/ Over or Under activity/Bloating/Fin damage/Panting at surface/Rubbing/Clamped fins
Goldfish 10°C – 22°C; Tropical fish 23°C- 27°CHow often are the fish fed: Daily Not during weekends (unacceptable)Is enough species specific food given Yes No Appears AcceptableIn the event of a power failure is the pet shop owner / attendant informed: SOLAR Yes NoHow do staff handle animals Good Fair Poor UnacceptableAny dead fish observed: Describe Reason NONECompatibility of Groups Good Fair Poor (Chasing/Bullying/Hiding/Damaged fins)How are fish destroyed when necessary CLOVE OILUnacceptable – tied live in other fish/left out of water to suffocate/flushed down toilets)
Acceptable – brain maceration/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
STILL IN PROCESS, 1X FISH STILL IN QUARANTINE TANKHow do the buyers transport the fish from the shop In strong plastic bags pumped with pure oxygenIs the chlorine removed from tap water before adding to tanks
(Aerated for 24 hours or a de-chlorinating product used)? Yes No

BIRDS

Bird Numbers & Breeds 2+ Ring Necks (Blue) ± 20 Zebra Finches

Group structures 10 p. GROUP
Singly In small groups Large Groups Same species Mixed Species

Compatibility of Groups Good (No aggression/anxiety) Chasing/Bullying etc Describe Above

Space Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too small

Cage Maintenance Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)

Hygiene of cages Good Fair (some repairs needed) Poor (harmful features)

Ventilation Good (Fresh & Clean) No (Stuffy & Smelly) Other

Are birds exposed to draughts No Yes Describe Above

Are birds left in full sun No Yes Describe Above

Temperature Comfortable Too Hot (Beak open etc) Too Cold (Fluffed up/shivering)

Shelter provided in outside pens N/A Good Needs Improvement Poor None

Adequate perch space Good (all can rest on perches at same time) Fair Poor (birds on floor & cage sides)
Note: Birds need more horizontal space than vertical. Approx 10cm horizontal space per bird such as parakeets

Are perches placed above each other (causing faeces to drop onto birds below) No Yes

Suppliers of birds LOCAL + CPT

How do staff handle animals

Cleaning routine 1 Very Well Good Fair Poor Unacceptable
per day per week

Water Hanging Bowl Non-Tip Bowl Bowl too deep Bowl too small None Available

Hygiene of water provision Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled

Diet for Birds Good, Bug & mix - SUITABLE FOR FINCHES

Frequency of feed: AD LIB Do they remove old food: Yes ☒ No ☐
Note: Check to see that there is seed in the food dish, not just empty shells left by the birds.

Is the diet Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not Enough Other

Are the animals fully weaned Yes (feeding themselves well) Just weaned Under-age

Condition of animals Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

Describe Concerns NONE

How are birds transported from the shop BOX WITH PERCH
Injuries/ Poor Feather Condition/Feather Loss/Listless /Runny or Swollen Eyes/Nose

ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes _____

No ☒Comments:

Well managed, clean & hygienic
No APA contraventions observed

Inspector:

BODENSTEIN

Date:

28/11/2024

Time:

13H54

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