

## 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: PICKLEWYN PETSHOP  
 Address: 61 MAIN STR, VREDENBURG  
 Name of Owner: JOSHUA RUSSEN      Cell: 083 233 8604  
 Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax/Email: picklewynpetshop@gmail.com  
 Veterinarian: Vredenburg Animal Hosp      Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL

What happens to sick animals: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                                  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 - HAZREST BAIT STATIONS      Yes      No      None Seen      Separate Room

Suppliers of animals: LOCAL, CPT      Open Poison/Poison Stations/Poison Pipes/Live Traps/Rat Traps

Do they breed: \_\_\_\_\_

If breeding, what happens to offspring: N/A      Yes      No      Uncertain      Single Sex Groups

If removed for hand rearing, from what age: N/A      Hand-Reared / Parent Reared / Sold Unweaned

Reason for hand rearing: N/A

**RODENTS**

Numbers: Rats ✓ Mice ✓ Guinea Pigs ✓ Hamsters 8

Group structures \_\_\_\_\_

Compatibility of Groups \_\_\_\_\_  
 Singly Mother & Young Separate Same sizes together All together

Space \_\_\_\_\_  
Good (Play & Positive Interaction) Fighting Bullying Describe Above

Cage Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_  
Good (Play & move normally) Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn) Cramped/Too small

Are cages raised off the ground to prevent handling/accidental kicking/reduce stress: Yes No

Hygiene of cages \_\_\_\_\_  
Good Fair Bad Excess Faeces Old/Soiled Food

Ventilation \_\_\_\_\_  
Good (No Ammonia Smell) Fair Poor (Ammonia Smell)

Draughts \_\_\_\_\_  
No Yes Describe

Temperature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Too Hot (Panting etc) Too Cold (Curled up/shivering) Comfortable (20°C- 24°C)

Do they allow breeding \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes No Describe Above

How do staff handle animals \_\_\_\_\_  
Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Do they allow public to handle the animals \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes No Not Seen

Hiding areas \_\_\_\_\_  
Good (Box/Plastic Container) Fair (not enough) Unacceptable (None) Other

Bedding Sco Litter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sawdust Straw Newspaper Other

Is bedding clean & absorbent \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes No Needs Changing Type: Sawdust/Newspaper/Other

Cleaning routine 1 per day 7 per week

Water \_\_\_\_\_  
Non- tip Bowl Bowl too small Bowl too deep to reach water None available

Hygiene of water provision \_\_\_\_\_  
Clean Dirty Very Dirty Green Algae Soiled

Diet \_\_\_\_\_  
Good Pellets Roughage Fresh Vegetables/Fruit Vit C for Guinea Pigs (220mg/lit water daily)

Frequency of feed AD LIB Do they remove old food? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Is the diet \_\_\_\_\_  
Good & Nutritious Poor Not Fresh Not enough Other comments

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 rodents transported from the shop Box  
 Injuries/ Poor Coat / Listless / Runny Eyes/ Runny Nose / Diarrhoea

Where are unweaned rodents kept N/A

Are unweaned rodents sold live? N/A  
 Good (with mother) Unacceptable (Plastic container/cage/box)

How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? Does not Kill - sell  
 No (Good) Yes (Unacceptable)

**CO2 (Unacceptable issue warning)** Hitting on Head/live freezing Describe

**FISH**

1 300 FISH

Hygiene of tanks \_\_\_\_\_

Is 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) Cloudy

Do the tanks have efficient aeration \_\_\_\_\_ Good Fair Poor Other

Do 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 X No \_\_\_\_\_

Are the tanks enriched \_\_\_\_\_ Plants Hiding Areas Rocks Gravel Other

Are the tanks overstocked No \_\_\_\_\_ Good Fair Poor

Are lights turned off at night for fish to rest \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

Do tanks have covers \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

Water at proper level (should be small gap between top of water and cover) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

Condition of animals \_\_\_\_\_ Good Fair Poor Very Poor Describe Above

Describe Concerns None \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature Suitable Yes - Species Specific \_\_\_\_\_  
Goldfish 10°C – 22°C; Tropical fish 23°C- 27°C

How often are the fish fed: \_\_\_\_\_ Daily Not during weekends (unacceptable)

Is enough species specific food given \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No Appears Acceptable

In the event of a power failure is the pet shop owner / attendant informed: SOAR \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

How do staff handle animals \_\_\_\_\_ Good Fair Poor Unacceptable

Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason None \_\_\_\_\_

Compatibility of Groups \_\_\_\_\_ Good Poor (Chasing/Bullying/Hiding/Damaged fins)

How are fish destroyed when necessary Clave - oil \_\_\_\_\_

Unacceptable – fed live to 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  
N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe

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 No

**BIRDS**Bird Numbers & Breeds ± 20 Budgies ; 2 x Ring necks ; ± 10 Finches

Group structures \_\_\_\_\_

Compatibility of Groups \_\_\_\_\_

Space \_\_\_\_\_

Cage Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

Hygiene of cages \_\_\_\_\_

Ventilation \_\_\_\_\_

Are birds exposed to draughts \_\_\_\_\_

Are birds left in full sun \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature \_\_\_\_\_

Shelter provided in outside pens \_\_\_\_\_

Adequate perch space \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Suppliers of birds \_\_\_\_\_

How do staff handle animals \_\_\_\_\_

Cleaning routine \_\_\_\_\_

Water \_\_\_\_\_

Hygiene of water provision \_\_\_\_\_

Diet for Birds \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of feed: \_\_\_\_\_

Do they remove old food: Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the diet \_\_\_\_\_

Are the animals fully weaned \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of animals \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Injuries/ Poor Feather Condition/Feather Loss/Listless /Runny or Swollen Eyes/Nose  
How are birds transported from the shop Box with perch.

**ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION COMPLETE THIS SECTION:**

Was a warning given? (Copy to be attached)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No XComments:Well managed, clean + hygienicNo APA contraventionsInspector: ROSENSTEINDate: 30/8/24Time: 18:40Follow up due 29/30/11/2024Comments: