

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE ANIMAL TRADER
LICENCE**

(Issued under Section 5(3) of

Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations, Cap.139)

(Applicable to dog and cat traders who are not dog breeders)

- (a) The licensee must not permit any animal which is suspected of having any disease to be kept in the licensed premises nor allow such animal to be sold or offered for sale.
- (b) The licensee must take all possible precautions to prevent the occurrence or spread of any infectious or contagious disease in any animal kept in the licensed premises.
- (c) All dogs for sale in the licensed premises must be implanted with a device (microchip) of the description set out in Schedule 3 of the Rabies Regulation, Cap 421A; the device (microchip) must be implanted by a registered veterinary surgeon¹ in Hong Kong (or by a registered veterinarian in the place of origin for imported animals). Alternatively, dogs for sale must be fully licensed (i.e. the dog must be covered by a valid Dog Licence issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). A scanner for reading the device must be readily available in the licensed premises at all times.
- (d) All dogs and cats for sale in the licensed premises must receive vaccination provided by a registered veterinary surgeon. Dogs must be vaccinated against canine distemper, canine parvovirus and infectious hepatitis and cats must be vaccinated against feline panleukopaemia and feline respiratory disease by means of a vaccination programme with records stating the validity period to the satisfaction of the Senior Veterinary Officer to effectively prevent these diseases. The vaccinations must be supported by a vaccination certificate issued by a registered veterinary surgeon, listing full details including the microchip number of the dog, date and place of vaccination, recommended date of boosters and other relevant details. Vaccination carried out before arrival in Hong Kong (imported dogs) must be certified by a veterinarian registered in the place of origin.
- (e) The original and up-to-date vaccination certificate of each dog and cat for sale issued and signed by a registered veterinary surgeon or a veterinarian registered in the place of origin must be immediately available in the licensed premises for inspection by an authorized officer at all times.
- (f) All dogs kept in the licensed premises must be from the following sources only,

¹ "A registered veterinary surgeon" means a registered veterinary surgeon within the meaning of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529).

and must be weaned and implanted with a microchip:-

- (i) Legally imported and covered by a valid import permit/special permit issued by AFCD, together with a valid health certificate issued by the veterinary authority of the exporting place;
- (ii) Acquired from other licensed Animal Traders (including licensed local dog breeders) and covered by documentation (e.g. invoice, sale receipt, etc.) detailing the microchip number, breed, quantity, date of transaction and source; or
- (iii) Acquired from a private pet owner. For a dog under 5 months of age, it must be covered by a certificate issued by a registered veterinary surgeon in the format provided by AFCD (Annex I) stating its microchip number and that the dog is the offspring of a specified licensed dog.

To accept dogs for sale in the pet shop, the licensee shall –

- (i) ensure that the private pet owner is the actual keeper of the dogs by checking that both the name and the Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID card) number of the private pet owner correspond to those of the keeper as recorded in the dog licence;
 - (ii) obtain a declaration of the private pet owner and such declaration shall be in the form as set out by AFCD (Annex II); and
 - (iii) keep the declaration of the private pet owner and other documents provided by the private pet owner (including copies of veterinary certificate) readily available in the licensed premises for a minimum period of one year after the dog in question has been accepted by the licensee for inspection by an authorized officer at all times.
- (g) (i) Unless it can be demonstrated that the animals concerned are from one of the sources specified in (f) above, the “trading-in” of dogs from clients and display for sale on behalf of clients and persons other than licensed animal traders are prohibited.
- (ii) The licensee shall not accept for sale any dogs (including offspring of such dogs) specified by AFCD under certain restrictions.
- (h) The final destination of dogs imported for retailing to other licensed animal traders or on behalf of clients must be reported to Import and Export Division of AFCD within 24 hours from arrival time in Hong Kong.
- (i) The licensee may only accept dogs returned on the client’s production of sufficient proof that the dog was previously acquired from the licensee.

- (j) Applicable to the trade in dogs only:
The licensee is required to keep a register detailing record of each transaction, for example the purchase, sale, transfer or death of any animal kept in the licensed premises and the balance of the animal stock in a register in a format prescribed by AFCD (Annex III) for inspection by an authorized officer at all times. The transaction including the microchip number must be duly recorded in the register. The register must be kept to a minimum period of one year. This register requirement shall be considered satisfying paragraph 19 and 20 of the Code of Standards for Licensed Animal Traders (Code of Standards).
- (k) A notice as at Appendix A, in both English and Chinese, provided by AFCD, must be displayed at all times in a prominent position at the entrance of the licensed premises.
- (l) When a dog is sold or otherwise changes ownership or location, the original vaccination certificate must be given to the new owner/keeper upon selling or transferring the dog. The microchip must be checked and details displayed in the scanner must be shown to the purchaser or new keeper, and checked in their presence against the vaccination certificate. If the dog is over 5 months of age, the seller and the new keeper should make proper arrangements with AFCD to transfer the ownership and the dog licence within 5 days in accordance with section 20A of CAP 421A Rabies Regulation.
- (m) Not less than 50% of the floor area of each primary enclosure in which dogs or cats are kept must be solid or covered at all times with a solid platform or sleeping board of a size and design suitable to enable all animals kept in the primary enclosure to stand, sit and lie comfortably. Such solid area, platform or board must be constructed of a material which is substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily sanitized.
- (n) For dogs and cats imported for trading, the original or copy of the health certificate showing the identification microchip number of the animal issued and signed by a veterinarian registered in the place of origin must be immediately available in the licensed premises for inspection by an authorized officer at all times.

NOTICE

**It is a requirement of the licensing authority that
all dogs and cats for sale within this premises be
accompanied by a valid certificate of vaccination.**

To Dog Buyer

- (1) It is a requirement of the licensing authority that all dogs for sale within this premises must be implanted with a microchip and accompanied by a valid vaccination certificate as specified in the additional conditions of the animal trader licence.
- (2) If you purchase a dog from this premises please ensure the following :
 - a. that you receive a valid vaccination certificate issued by a registered veterinary surgeon, with the microchip number recorded in the certificate, certifying that the dog has been vaccinated up-to-date against canine distemper, canine parvovirus and infectious hepatitis; and
 - b. that the staff scan the microchip of the dog in your presence using a microchip reader (scanner) and show you the microchip number displayed on the reader. This microchip number should be identical to the number stated in the vaccination certificate.
- (3) Dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. The above measures are NOT substitutes for the statutory dog licensing and anti-rabies vaccination requirement at 5 months of age. Dog licence and vaccinations can be obtained from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Animal Management Centres or authorized registered veterinary surgeons.
- (4) If in doubt, please contact Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department by calling 1823 for enquiry.

