

Exotic, dangerous or wild animals

This section provides information about licences to keep exotic, dangerous or wild animals.

The keeping of certain wild animals is controlled by the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.

No person on the islands may keep any dangerous wild animal without first obtaining a licence from the Council.

The animals for which a licence is required before they may be kept are listed in the Dangerous Wild Animal Act 1976 (Modification) Order 1984.

Applications for a licence must be made to the Local Authority, and a licence may be issued providing the applicant is not disqualified or has been convicted under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.

There is an application fee payable at the time an application is made, currently this fee is £200.00 for an application and £26.00 for the issue of a licence. The applicant will also be required to pay the cost of inspections carried out by an authorised veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner.

Except in exceptional circumstances the person making the application must be the person who owns and possesses or proposed to own and possess the animal to which the application applies.

Where a licence is granted that licence and any subsequent licence will expire on the 31st December of the year to which the licence relates and must be renewed before that date if the licence holder is to continue to keep the animal(s) named on the licence.

Council's Duties

Before granting a licence the Council must be satisfied that:

- It is not contrary to the public interest to do so on the grounds of safety, nuisance or other grounds.
- The applicant is a suitable persons to hold a licence to keep the animals listed on the application.
- The animal(s) will be kept in accommodation that prevents its escape and is suitable in respect of construction, size, temperature, drainage and cleanliness.
- That the animal(s) will be supplied with adequate and suitable food drink and bedding material and be visited at suitable intervals.
- Appropriate steps will be taken to ensure the protection of the animal(s) in case of fire or other emergency.
- All reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.
- The animal(s) accommodation is such that it can take adequate exercise.

Where the Council issues a licence that licence will be subject to such conditions as the Council sees fit and in each case these conditions will specify that:

- Only the person named on the licence shall be entitled to keep the animal.
- The animal shall only be kept on the premises named on the licence.

- The animal shall not be moved or may only be moved in accordance with conditions specified in the licence.
- The licensee must hold a current insurance policy, approved by the Council, which insures against liability for damage caused by the animal.
- Only the species and number of animals listed on the licence may be kept.
- The licensee shall make a copy of the licence and its contents available to any other person listed on the licence as being able to look after the animal

The Council may at any time revoke or amend any licence condition.

Your Rights of Appeal

Any person aggrieved by a refusal to be granted a licence or by any conditions to which the licence is subject, may appeal to the Magistrates Court and the Courts may give such direction regarding the licence and its conditions as it thinks proper.

Offences and Penalties

Anybody found guilty of keeping an animal covered by the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 without a licence to do so or anybody found guilty of failing to comply with any licence condition shall be subject to a fine not exceeding £2,000.

Any person found guilty of obstructing or delaying an Authorised Veterinary Practitioner or Veterinary Surgeon shall be subject to a fine not exceeding £2,000.

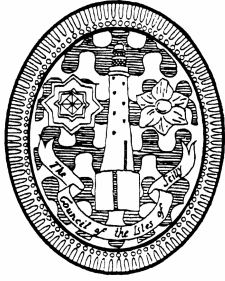
Where a person keeps an animal without a licence or where a person fails to comply with a licence condition, the Council may seize the animal, have it destroyed or disposed of (to a zoo or elsewhere) without compensation to the owner.

Where the Council incurs any expense in seizing, retaining or disposing of an animal then the person who was the keeper of the animal shall be liable for those costs.

Further Information

Copies of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 can be purchased from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

You may obtain a copy of the application form from Technical Services or download an application form (pdf)



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**DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS ACT 1976
APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO KEEP A
DANGEROUS WILD ANIMAL**

Applicant details (block capitals):

Full name of applicant(s):

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Home Address:

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Daytime Telephone Number

Address of Premises at which the animal will normally be held:

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Are you disqualified from:

		Please ✓	Yes	No
a	Keeping any dangerous wild animals?			
b	Keeping a dog?			
c	Having the custody of animals?			
d	Keeping a pet shop?			
e	Keeping an animal boarding establishment?			
f	Keeping a riding establishment?			
g	Keeping a dog-breeding establishment?			
If YES to any of the above please give details				

Have you ever been convicted of an offence under the following Acts of Parliament?

		Please ✓	Yes	No
a	Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976			
b	The Protection of animals Act 1911 & 1964			
c	The Protection of Animals (Scotland) Act 1912 & 1964			

d	The Pet Animals Act 1951 (as amended)		
e	The Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963		
f	The Breeding of Dogs Act 1964 & 1970		
If Yes to any of the above please give details of the date and sentence			

Application Details:

Specify the species of animal and the number of animals of each species either kept or proposed to be kept under the authority of the licence.....

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Do you own and possess all the animals listed above Yes No
 (If **No** please give details of ownership and possession)

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Are you the holder of a current insurance policy which insures you against liability for any damage which may be caused by the animal(s) listed above?

Yes No

(If **Yes** enclose with your application documentary evidence that you hold such insurance)

(If **No** state what steps you are taking to obtain such insurance).

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Please give the following information about the escape proof accommodation in which the animal(s) listed above will be held:

- a. Construction:
- b. Size:.....
- c. Arrangements for:
 - i drainage

- ii ventilation
- iii temperature control
- iv lighting

d. arrangements to be made:

i for the provision, storage and preparation of food and drink:

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ii for ensuring adequate exercise:

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iii for ensuring veterinary care, including preventative measures and to control the spread of infectious disease:

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iv in the event of fire or other emergencies:

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v for the disposal of excreta:

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Do you intend to breed from the animal(s)? Yes No

Do you intend to remove the animals from the premises identified above for any reason. Yes No

If **Yes** please give details

