

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981

LICENCE TO OPERATE A ZOO

Part 1

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council being a local authority responsible for licensing zoos under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 ('the Act')

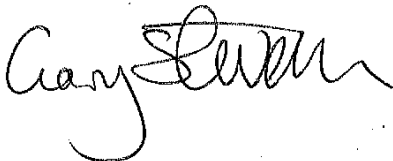
HEREBY LICENSE

Licence number:	AW061
Name of licence applicant:	Mr Paul Green
Office held:	Zoo Director
To operate the premises known as:	Sky Birds of Prey ('the Zoo')
Address:	Honnington Farm, Vauxhall Lane, Southborough, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0XD

Situated within (or the major part of which is within) the area of the said authority, subject to the conditions attached to this licence.

This licence is issued in accordance with the Act for a period of **four** years and shall remain in force from **29th June 2023** until **28th June 2027**.

Issue date: 11 September 2024



Signed:

Name in capitals: GARY STEVENSON

Office held: Head of Housing, Health and Environment

On behalf of **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.**

Part 2

Mandatory licence conditions (required by section 1A of the Act):

Conservation measures for zoos

The following are conservation measures to be implemented in zoos in accordance with this Act-

- (a) participating in at least one of the following-
 - (i) research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
 - (ii) training in relevant conservation skills;
 - (iii) the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;
 - (iv) where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity; and
 - (v) where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals;
- (b) promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the zoo and their natural habitats;
- (c) accommodating their animals under conditions which aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the species to which they belong, including-
 - (i) providing each animal with an environment well-adapted to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the species to which it belongs; and
 - (ii) providing a high standard of animal husbandry with a developed programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition;
- (d) preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals;
- (e) preventing the intrusion of pests and vermin into the zoo premises; and
- (f) keeping up-to-date records of the zoo's collection, including records of-
 - (i) the numbers of different animals;
 - (ii) acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals;
 - (iii) the causes of any such deaths; and
 - (iv) the health of the animals.

Part 3

Additional conditions

Additional conditions to ensure the proper conduct of the Zoo in all other respects, during the period of the licence.

Insurance

1. Zoo operators must have insurance cover which covers them and every other person under a contract of service or acting on their behalf, against liability for any damage or injury which may be caused by any of the animals or by other factors, whether inside or outside the zoo, including during transportation to other premises. Any upper limit on the sum insured must be set at an adequate but realistic level.
2. Within one month of the date of the licence and one month of the date of renewal of the insurance policy, where applicable, a copy of the Zoo's current public liability insurance policy, and subsequent renewals thereof, to be sent to the licensing authority.

Hazardous animals

3. The licensing authority to be notified in writing, at least one month in advance, of the proposed **addition** of any animal listed in Category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice 2012), which is from a taxonomic family of which Category 1 species have not previously been kept in the zoo.

Temporary removal of animals from the zoo

4. The licensee to notify the licensing authority before the temporary removal from the zoo (other than for veterinary attention or inter-zoo movements) of any animal listed in Category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice. Such notification is to be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 24 hours before the removal, unless the zoo operator and licensing authority mutually agree a shorter period. When giving notification, details of the destination and method of transportation of the animal and of the arrangements for its well-being, as well as for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the Zoo, to be provided.
 - a. If you wish to temporarily remove Category 1 animals from the premises for exhibition, you must provide the Local Authority with a list of planned temporary removals of these animals from the Zoo 28 days ahead of the planned removal. If there are any changes to this list, you must inform the Local Authority no later than 24 hours before the removal.

Escapes

5. In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the Zoo, notification shall be made to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, no later than 12 hours following the escape.
6. The licensee must ensure that all members of staff are familiar with emergency procedures when animals escape. In particular, emergency animal escape drills must be carried out at least four times a year, recorded and regularly reviewed, this should include at least two drills involving the escape of a Category 1 species (where present) as stipulated in Appendix 12 of the current Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice.

Stock records

7. An annual stocklist of all animals must be kept, and a copy must be forwarded to the local authority before 1st April of the year following that to which it relates. The stocklist must be in a multi-column format similar, for example, to Section 9.5 and 9.6 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice and cover the period from 1st January to 31st December.

Tree inspection report

8. In accordance with the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice Section 3.6, Sky Birds of Prey must ensure that the inspection report for the on-site trees is provided to the Local Authority. This condition must met within 1 (one) month from the date of re-issue of this licence and within 1 month of each subsequent inspection.

Isolation and containment

9. In accordance with the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice Section 3.19, Sky Birds of Prey must provide dedicated accommodation that is available for the isolation and examination of newly arrived animals, and for the quarantine and care of unduly distressed, sick or injured animals. This Condition has been met for a temporary measure for short term isolation/containment. However, a full-size enclosure for long term isolation/containment must be provided and this must be met within 1 (one) year from the date of re-issue of this licence.

Veterinary Continuous Development (CPD)

10. In accordance with the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice Appendix 5 – 5.3 Sky Birds of Prey must provide a record from the attending veterinary's CPD detailing learning development areas for examination by the LA or APHA Inspector. This Condition must be met within 6 (six) months from the date of re-issue of this licence.

Animal transport licence

11. In accordance with the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice Section 6.3, Sky Birds of Prey must ensure transport conforms with all current regulations for transportation of animals, including DEFRA and IATA provisions. This Condition is to be met within 3 (three) months from the date of re-issue of this licence.

Risk assessments

12. In accordance with the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice Section 8.3, Sky Birds of Prey must provide a risk assessment relating to fire risks to the public, which is regularly reviewed, and significant findings made available for examination by the LA or APHA Inspector. This Condition is to be met within 2 (two) months from the date of re-issue of this licence.

Staffing

13. In accordance with the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice Section 10 – 10.1 Sky Birds of Prey must provide details of the number of staff and their experience and training, taking due allowance for holidays, sickness and other absences. This Condition is to be met within 1 (one) month from the date of re-issue of this licence.