

**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

<b>Licence number:</b>	AW047
<b>Name of licence applicant:</b>	Mr Daniel Clark and Mr Liam McElroy
<b>Office held:</b>	Zoo Partners
<b>To operate the premises known as:</b>	UK Owl and Raptor Centre ('the Zoo')
<b>Address:</b>	Groombridge Place, Groombridge Hill, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9QG

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 **six** years and shall remain in force from **21<sup>st</sup> May 2025** until **20<sup>th</sup> May 2031**.

**Issue date:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025



**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.

The operators of the Zoo must keep information and records to how it has complied with this condition and submit it to the licensing authority on request.

## **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. Within one month of the date of the licence and one month of the date of renewal of the policy, where applicable, a copy of the Zoo's current public liability insurance policy, and of subsequent renewals thereof, to be sent to the licensing authority.

### **Hazardous animals**

2. The licensing authority is 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), 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**

3. The licensee/s 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 12 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. You may provide the Local Authority with a list of planned temporary removals of animals from the Zoo 28 days ahead of the planned removal; however, if there are any changes to this list, you must inform the Local Authority no later than 12 hours before the removal.

### **Escapes**

4. 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, not later than 12 hours following the escape.

### **Stock records**

5. An annual stocklist of all animals must be kept, and a copy must be forwarded to the local authority no later than 1 April of the year following that to which it relates. The stocklist should be in a multi-column format similar, for example, to Section 9.5 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice, or to those that are produced by ZIMS or ARKS.