

Consultation Responses Log

Consultation Condition	Summary of points raised
<p>Home Boarding conditions:</p> <p>5.4.1 - Airtight containers must be provided for the storage of dry foods. Uncooked food and the remains of opened tins must be stored in covered, non-metal, leak proof containers in the fridge.</p> <p>5.10.6 - All doors to rooms must be kept shut at night.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has suggested that tin sealers are just as good as transferring to Tupperware for wet food, and that this reduces the risk of mis-identification. • Has suggested that the dog's name is written on the tins. • Has concerns about this due to fire risk implications, and because it may upset nervous dogs being shut away over night • Also feels that this goes against the reasons why people use home boarding • Has asked about the fee, as she believes a lower fee should be paid by home boarders.
<p>Cattery Boarding Conditions:</p> <p>1.03 - All cats entering the establishment must wear a collar and tag identifying the name and address of the owner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has suggested that International Cat Care recommends that collars are removed upon entering the cattery to avoid possible strangulations due to tags getting stuck in the 1" mesh.
<p>Home Boarding Conditions:</p> <p>1.6 - Puppies under 6 months of age must not be boarded with other dogs including resident dogs unless they have been suitably vaccinated, and they have completed a successful trial socialisation period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs under 1 year of age should not be allowed to mix/roam with other boarders /resident dogs- thus protecting all species' conformation whilst maturing. • Only dogs from the same family should be exercised/ kept together. • Individual families dogs should be kept segregated at all times from other families dogs • Puppies of this age should have a separate boarding room to prevent any psychological distress from others. • Terms and conditions displayed via/web site or written document. • When dogs are boarded from different household, they must not be mixed with other

3.2 - Only dogs from the same household may be boarded at any one time, unless the following steps have been taken:

- i) specific written consent from each owner showing confirmation that they are content for their dogs to be boarded with others.
- ii) a mandatory, trial (documented) familiarisation session for all dogs has been conducted prior to any period of boarding.
- iii) facilities exist to enable the separation of dogs from different households in secure areas when left unattended.
- iv) facilities exist to enable separate feeding of dogs to minimise the likelihood of dispute and aggression.

3.5 - The Licensee will be required to make an assessment of the risks of home boarding to include the risk to or caused by children who are likely to be at the property.

4.6 - If a collection and delivery service is provided, a suitable vehicle with a dog guard or cage in the rear must be provided.

5.1 – Training

clients dogs either in the home or the garden/exercising.

- Appropriate insurance to cover this type of boarding.
- No children under the age of 16 resident or visiting should be present in any of the rooms used for home boarding /when boarding dogs are present.
- Most insurance companies will only insure portable cages for in-transit and pet taxing, specialist insurance companies required for fixed cages. Although your company insurance may cover you as a pet taxi, the vehicle insurance you are insuring for this purpose is often very specific.
- All staff involved in the care of the home boarders must obtain a recognised canine first aid certificate this must be renewed every 3 years
- All clients must leave a contact number of a friend /relative who in the event of an infectious disease occurring can accommodate the dog .this should also apply to a tragedy of the clients when leaving the dog for home boarding. The client should be made aware that the dog may have to be placed in isolation at a veterinary practice if this was to occur (infect disease outbreak)

5.2.4 - Facilities must be provided for the proper reception, storage and disposal of all waste. Particular care should be taken to segregate clinical waste arising from the treatment and handling of dogs with infectious diseases. The final route for all such waste shall comply with current waste regulations.

5.4.1 Airtight containers must be provided for the storage of dry foods. Uncooked food and the remains of opened tins must be stored in covered, non-metal, leak proof containers in the fridge.

5.4.2 - All bulk supplies of food shall be kept in vermin proof containers

5.5.2 - Proof must be provided that boarded and resident dogs have current vaccinations against Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Canine adenovirus), Leptospirosis (*L. canicola* and *L. icterohaemorrhagicae*) and Canine Parvovirus and other relevant diseases. The course of vaccination must have been completed at least four weeks before the first date of boarding or in accordance with manufacturer instructions. A record that this proof has been supplied must be kept on-site throughout the period that the dog is boarded.

5.7 – Register

- All foods for the home boarders and domestic pet dogs present should be stored in a suitable dry and vermin free area.

- 4 weeks- most veterinary practices say 2 weeks post course of vaccinations.

- All dogs should be scanned by the licensee and the microchip number recorded even if documents are present(this is due to failing of many chips recently and confirming on site the correct number, i have had several recently with 2 in and the numbers incorrect too.)

- All supervisors of home boarders must be insured appropriately. CRB checked, canine first aiders.
No one under the age of 16 is allowed to mix with boarders.
- Do not state children under 5 at any point this encourages people to not be as aware with children over 5 years of age around home boarders. Stipulate that all children under 16 must not be in areas where home boarders are present at any time. I

5.8 – Supervision

5.10.5 Fire detection equipment must be provided in accordance with general advice given by the Fire Safety Officer. The home must have at least 2 working smoke detectors located at the top & bottom of the staircase, or other appropriate location.

5.10.9 A relative, friend or neighbour within 5 minutes travelling time must have a spare set of keys and access to the premises in case of an emergency. These details must be made available to the Licensing Authority.

educate this regularly to my clients as a professional dog trainer- to stipulate no licence is given to anyone where there are children under 5 will lead to people not thinking about in as much depth 6 yr olds plus....also people setting up business without licenses just as it used to be! Etc etc

- The range should be bigger-under 16 never present in boarding rooms.
- Many home boarders are mature people as myself- who often have got a life time of experiences with dog and often run other professional businesses involving dogs-as myself- a canine behaviourist dealing with dog issues and behavioural problems daily- my recommendations when any age of child under 16 is present is not to be present in rooms especially unattended etc etc.
- Many excellent home boarders with vast experiences in canine psychology will also have grand children may be under 5 too- this needs covering as above stating under 5's, i am confident will lead to trauma /fatality as people will become more lapse with 6 yr olds and above. Make the band larger –
“ where children under 16 are visiting /living in/ present in a licensed property- they must not be present in any room licenced for dog home boarding”
- Fire safety officer- i had more knowledge of where was more appropriate for the fire extinguishers than the company that we used to provide such items!! (due to my 25 years knowledge of fire safety)
- Smoke detectors- one should be present in each room used for home boarding.
- Fire blanket should be present
- Many home boarders properties are rural therefore not always having appropriate friends neighbours that could facilitate this- where this is the case- a secure/coded key box with the number given to the authorities should be present
- Incident forms should be available and used to document any incident/accident-copy should be kept by licensee
- All home boarders should attend an appropriate council run/ official provider course every x amount of years to keep up to date with all home boarding requirements and legislation. This would stabilise/ maintain standards and the welfare of this environment where the facilities are so varied .