

Prevention and Control of the Spread of Disease

To comply with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities involving Animals) Regulations 2018, we have policies and procedures in place to prevent and control the spread of disease.



1. Disease Control

We take all reasonable precaution to prevent and control the spread of infections diseases, pathogens and parasites among dogs in our care and people.

Action	Procedure
Safe guard against infection on the premises by ensuring all boarding dogs have appropriate immunisation	<p>We require sight of up to date vaccination records for all dogs in our care. Vaccinations must be licensed for UK use and we do not accept homeopathic vaccinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary vaccination courses must be completed at least two weeks before boarding• Vaccinations are required against:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- canine parvovirus- canine distemper- canine adenovirus- infectious canine hepatitis- leptospirosis• In some circumstances we require vaccination against kennel cough (Bordetella bronchiseptica/ canine parainfluenza)• Where a titre test certification from a vet is produced that covers the period of boarding we will consider whether that is acceptable
Safe guard against parasites by ensuring all dogs have been treated before boarding	<p>We require evidence that dog has been treated for internal and external parasites prior to boarding.</p> <p>If any parasites – fleas, ticks, lice - become evident, treatment is discussed with a vet, consent is sought from the owner and the dog is treated with a product approved by the UK Veterinary Medicines Directorate.</p>
Reduce risk of infection by hygienic removal and storage of all soiled bedding and excreta	Regular check of bedding, removal and cleaning of all areas immediately if they are soiled. All bedding and crates cleaned after each pet. Excreta disposed of hygienically.
Waste stored away from dogs and food preparation/storage areas	Waste is stored outside and away from pets.

2. Reducing Risk of infection from Sick Dogs

We have measures in place to care for any dog that becomes sick and reduce risk of spread of infection

Action	Procedure
Animals are checked at least daily for any sign of infection or disease	Each pet is checked on each visit/walk/day (in the case of a stay) for any signs of infection or disease.
Any dog showing signs of infection/disease is referred to a vet	Vet contacted Owner contacted and permission sought for any treatment Instructions recorded and followed Follow up contact if further cause for concern
Should a dog show signs of disease or infection, it will be kept in self contained isolation (if this is on the premises of a veterinary practice they must provide a letter stating facilities provided).	Dogs will be kept in a separate area from other animals if they show signs of disease or infection.
Separate food and water bowls, bedding and cleaning utensils stored in the isolation unit	As above.
Dogs showing signs of infection are not allowed in any shared exercise area	Dogs will be kept in a separate area from other animals if they show signs of disease or infection.
Any dogs in isolation facility checked regularly – after other dogs	Dogs in isolation will be checked and monitored regularly. The owner will be updated accordingly.
Protective clothing and footwear worn when handling dogs in isolation	All clothing worn is kept in the isolation area while in use Clothing and footwear only removed for cleaning

3. Treatment of sick animals

Where an animal needs medical treatment we seek agreement from the owner and ensure vets instructions are followed.

Action	Procedure

The home is registered with a local vet and contact details, including out of hours, are known by all staff	The home is registered with Cromwell Vets in Cambourne.
A written agreement is made with the dog owner on which vet to be used	Veterinary release and booking form capture the pet's usual vet and details and what to do in case of emergency.
Medicines are stored securely in accordance with instructions of the vet	Yes
A secure fridge is available for storage of medicines	Yes
All medicines are administered in accordance with vets instructions	Yes – where an animal is already on medication, details will be taken from the owner at the point of booking.
Unused medicines are returned to owner, nominated contact or prescribing vet	Yes