

**ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981**

**LICENCE TO OPERATE A ZOO**

**BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL** being the licensing authority under the above Act hereby licence:

**MISS NAOMI JOHNS**

for the premises known as:

**THE BIRD OF PREY PROJECT  
THE GRAIN STORE  
WORKSHOP LANE  
NEWTON ST LOE  
BATH  
BA2 9BT**

within the area of the Authority to operate a zoo at those premises, in accordance with the attached schedule and subject to the attached conditions.

This Licence shall remain in force from:

**26 April 2023** until **25 April 2029** inclusive.

Granted on **25 April 2023**

Signed for and on behalf of  
Bath & North East Somerset Council:



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**CONDITIONS**

Hereafter West of England Falconry will be referred to as 'the Zoo'

Mandatory Licence Conditions (required by section 1A of the Act):-

The operator of the Zoo must ensure that the following measures are implemented in the Zoo:-

- 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.
- Accommodating and keeping the animals in a manner which meets the standards set out in the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice.
- Preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals.
- Preventing the intrusion of pests and vermin into the premises of the Zoo.
- Keeping up-to-date records of the Zoo's collection of animals, including records of the numbers of different animals; acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals; the causes of any such deaths; and the health of the animals.

Participating in at least one of the following:

- Research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
- Training in relevant conservation skills;
- The exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;
- Where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity;
- Where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals.

Imposed Conditions.

1) Insurance.

After issue of Licence the Licensees are to provide a copy of the Zoos current public liability insurance policy to the Local Licensing Authority. This must be done within one month of the

issuing of the Licence.

Thereafter a copy of any insurance renewal policy or new insurance policy, must be sent to the Local Licensing Authority no later than one month after the renewal date or the new policy start date.

## 2) Stock List.

A complete and up to date stock list of all animals retained, owned or displayed by the Zoo will be supplied to the Local Licensing Authority by the 1st of April each year.

The stock list should be laid out in the 9 column format as specified in the "Secretary of State's standards of Modern Zoo Practice."

As for sheep, smaller mammals and avian animals, group records may be kept. There must be a group record for each species of animal kept

## 3) Introduction of Hazardous Animals.

The Local Licensing Authority is to be notified in writing at least one month in advance, of any proposed introduction of any animal listed in hazard Category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (in Appendix 12 of the SSSMZP), which is from a taxonomic family of which Category 1 species have not previously been kept in the Zoo.

## 4) Escapes.

After issue of the Licence the Licensees will provide to the Local Licensing Authority a written procedure on how to deal with escaped non-domesticated animals. This written procedure must be supplied no later than one month after the granting of the Licence.

'Non-Domesticated' means any animal listed in columns 3, 4 or 5 of Annex A of the DEFRA 'Zoo Licensing Act 1981: Guide to the Act's provisions' (2012)

In the event of any such non-domesticated animal escaping from the confines of the Zoo, the local Authority must be notified as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours after the escape has been discovered.

## 5) Pest Control.

The Zoo must have in place a written policy, to be followed to deal with any vermin infestation or other vermin problems which may arise on the premises of the Zoo.

## 6) Hand Washing Facilities.

Suitable hand washing facilities must be provided where members of the public may come into contact with an animal or animals intentionally.

These hand washing facilities should be made up of running water, bacterial soap and a means of drying hands. Suitable signage should be provided showing the location and or direction to nearest hand washing facilities.

#### 7) Post Mortem Facilities.

Arrangements must be made for the carrying out of a post-mortem examination of every non-domesticated animal unless the veterinary surgeon states that it is unnecessary.

In such cases the Zoo must obtain a copy of the post mortem report within 1 Month of the death and the Local Licensing Authority is to be supplied with a copy of each post mortem carried out in the yearly period by the 1st of April each year.

#### 8) Veterinarian Inspections.

Arrangements must be made for a routine veterinarian inspection by an appropriate veterinarian. These inspections should be carried out on a no less than 3 monthly basis. The records of each inspection are to be recorded and kept.

#### 9) Preventative and Curative measures.

In consultation with the Zoos veterinarian advisor, the Zoo must prepare for each species a programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition.

#### 10) Enclosures.

All animal enclosures are to be checked regularly to ensure that the fences are in a fit and safe condition as to not cause harm to either the animals present or to the members of the public visiting the zoo.

#### Guidance Notes

A) These conditions are attached to the Licence without prejudice to the application where relevant, to the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practices specified in accordance with the powers conferred under Section 9 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981.

B) The granting of this Licence does not imply that the requirements of any other legislation have been met.

C) All references made to an animal or animals of a non domesticated nature may be found in columns 3, 4 or 5 of Circular 02/2003 - Zoo Licensing Act 1981. And can be seen in Annex A attached to this Licence.

D) All references made to an animal or animals of a Category 1 Hazardous nature may be found Annex B attached to this Licence.

It is important to note that the documents referred to in both Annex A & B of this licence are not under the control of the Licensing Authority and may change at any time.

Therefore it is the responsibility of the Licence holder to check and comply with any such changes as and when they arise.

Special Conditions (if any):

