



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

## ANIMAL WELFARE (BREEDING OF DOGS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2014

### ENHANCEMENT AND ENRICHMENT PLAN/ PUPPY SOCIALISATION PLAN

Name of licensed breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Licence number: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended home (delete as appropriate): **Domestic / Farm / Mix / Other** (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

| Breeds of dogs kept | Expected average number of puppies per litter for each breed: |
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Dogs are highly intelligent animals that require mental and physical stimulation. It is important for keepers of dogs to consider how the environment in which they are kept is designed to meet their behavioural needs. The Animal Welfare Act 2006, the primary legislation under which the Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 were made, requires that an animal's five primary needs should be met:

- Need for a suitable environment
- Need for a suitable diet
- Need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- Need to be housed with, or apart from, other animals
- Need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury or disease

The following points should be considered when planning how to meet your dogs' needs. This should not be a 'one-size fits all' approach and should be tailored to take into consideration breed, age, health condition etc.

The intention in this plan is to provide for the licence applicant to detail how some of these needs will be met.

- Positive interaction with carers
- Carers to have a positive relationship with each dog
- Dogs not left alone for extended periods of time
- Dogs able to interact with other dogs
- Varied opportunities to exercise
- Kennelled environments should be interesting and comfortable
- Activities that encourage natural behaviour e.g. chewing
- Enhancing the sensory environment (sight, smell etc.)
- Building in predictability to dogs' routine
- Regular, positive training activities
- Quiet periods
- Gradual introduction of dogs to potentially stressful situations

Please use the following table to detail how you are meeting your dogs' behavioural needs. Please speak to your vet or a suitably qualified person if you require assistance in the development of this document and use additional sheets if required.

| <b>ENHANCEMENT OR ENRICHMENT GOAL</b>   | <b>HOW THIS IS MET</b> | <b>FOR LA USE ONLY IS THIS OBJECTIVE BEING MET?</b> |
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| Dogs are able to express natural behaviour  |                        |   |
| Dogs are given the opportunity for suitable exercise  |                        |   |
| Dogs are given the opportunity to experience variety and stimulation both in the kennel and outside |                        |   |
| Dogs are given the opportunity to play and interact with other dogs                                 |                        |   |

The socialisation of puppies is key to their development into well-balanced, good-natured dogs. The following actions should be considered when planning how to meet your puppies' developmental needs. This should not be a 'one-size fits all' approach and should be tailored to take into consideration the puppies' future home environments e.g. family dwelling, working farm etc.:

- Care of the dam
- Early gentle handling of puppies
- Early socialisation with litter mates
- Socialisation with other dogs
- Socialisation with people, including supervised interaction with young children
- Opportunities to play
- Experiencing different situations
- Experiencing setbacks
- Managing risk of exposure to infectious disease
- Reinforcing and building on earlier social experiences

Please use the following table to detail how you are meeting your puppies' socialisation goals. Please speak to your vet or a suitably qualified person if you require assistance in the development of this document and use additional sheets if required.

| <b>SOCIALISATION GOAL</b>  | <b>TRAINING UNDERTAKEN</b> | <b>FOR LA USE ONLY<br/>IS THIS OBJECTIVE BEING MET?</b> |
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| Puppies are relaxed in the presence of people and other dogs e.g. willing to play.                       |                            |   |
| Puppies understand the intentions of others and respond appropriately e.g. by interpreting play signals. |                            |   |
| Puppies are familiar with encounters they are likely to experience e.g. household noises                 |                            |   |
| Puppies are able to investigate and engage in different situations                                       |                            |   |

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| Puppies are confident experiencing new things within their environment   |                            |   |
| Puppies have the opportunity to develop physical skills e.g. opportunities to play with litter mates                                       |                            |   |
| Puppies are given opportunity to acquire the positive temperament and skills it may need as a parent e.g. through interaction with its dam |                            |   |
| Puppies are exposed to a wide range of appropriate stimuli to develop social skills  |                            |   |
| Dogs are given the opportunity to learn and develop  |                            |   |
| Reducing the potential for dogs to experience significant stress   |                            |   |
| Dogs are given the opportunity to make choices and have control in their environment   |                            |   |
| Preventing the development of abnormal behaviours  |                            |   |