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HOME BOARDING DOGS AND CATS CONDITIONS REVIEW

The Licensing Service is considering amending the Conditions for home boarding dogs and cats Licensing Policy, and wishes to seek the views of the Trade on the proposed change set out below:

NUMBER OF ANIMALS

In response to enquiries from the Animal Boarders the Council is considering amending the conditions (see italics below) with regards to familiarisation to say *'Dogs from different households may be boarded at the same time provided the licensee is able to meet a number of additional requirements/ licence conditions:*

- **Specific written consent of each household showing confirmation that they are content for their dogs to be boarded with others.**
- **A mandatory, trial (documented) familiarisation session for all dogs prior to stay.**
- *The owner and dog should attend the premise of the home boarder in advance of their stay i.e. this must be on a day prior to the day/holiday stay booked, to spend approximately 30 minutes familiarising their dog with the home boarders dogs if they have any, or with any other dogs which are scheduled to stay at the boarders home at the same time.*
- *If the home boarder is unable to comply with the above requirements in terms of familiarisation of other dogs which are scheduled to be staying at the same time, then a documented familiarisation session should still take place. The owner should attend the home boarder's house 30 minutes prior to their drop off to undertake a documented familiarisation session with the other dogs which are being boarded. If there any difficulties between the newly arriving dog and the other dogs being boarded then the newly arriving dog cannot be accepted by the boarder.*
- *If there any difficulties between any dogs during their stay then the home boarder must have a protocol in place and facilities to initially separate the dogs. Contact should be made immediately with the owners of the dog or the emergency contact if the owners are on holiday. If the owners or emergency contact cannot collect the dog then the home boarder should look to have the dog looked after in a dog boarding kennel.*
- *Customers should be made fully aware of this protocol prior to boarding with any home boarder, and boarder should ensure the owners sign to agree this protocol.*
- **Separation of dogs from different households in secure areas when left unattended.**
- **Separate feeding of dogs to minimise the likelihood of dispute and aggression.**

Where there is a resident dog or cat kept at the household, written consent from the owners of the boarded dog must be gained following a trial familiarisation session.

Do you agree with the above change?

Yes

No

Additional Comments

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