



Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE OSTRICHES

1. Management/General

The Licensee(s) shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of the public and shall retain control over all portions of the premises.

The premises must be maintained in good repair. If required by the Council a certificate from a qualified person as to the safe condition of all electrical fittings, wiring etc shall be made available.

No alteration may be made to the premises without the approval of the Licensing Authority.

The Licensee(s) shall maintain a satisfactory insurance policy relating to damage or injury to persons or property caused by the animals and shall include public liability generally.

The Licensee(s) shall at all times comply with any reasonable request of an Authorised Officer under the provisions of this Licence and the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.

The Council may impose such other Conditions as are deemed necessary from time to time.

Rotation of paddocks must be allowed for in wet conditions to allow ground surface to recover. Grass must be kept at a suitable level.

One quarter of an acre must be allowed per ostrich of adult size.

An isolation facility must be provided, suitable for sick ostriches or new arrivals, whereby ostriches have sight of the flock(s).

Ostriches must be inspected at least twice daily (or more often if necessary).

All persons attending to and handling the ostriches must be competent and properly trained. Visitors are not permitted in the vicinity of the ostriches without prior written permission from the Licensing Authority.

The licensed premises must be attended for 24 hours per day by person(s) familiar with the handling of ostriches and with whom the ostriches are familiar.

Extreme care must be taken when restraining an ostrich and expert advice must be taken.

Plucking or pulling of feathers is not permitted.

In the event of the death of an ostrich, a Death Certificate must be sent to the Licensing Authority within 7 days of a Post Mortem examination being completed.

The slaughter of ostriches is not permitted on the premises.

The person to whom the licence is granted shall hold a current insurance policy which insures him/her, and any other person entitled to keep ostriches under the authority of the Licence, against liability for any damage which may be caused by ostriches, the terms of such policy being satisfactory to the Licensing Authority.

2. Accommodation/Shelter

All accommodation must be of such materials to be easily and regularly cleansed. Substances toxic to the ostriches must not be used on walls, ceilings, floors or furniture.

All accommodation/shelter must be suitable for the size and age of the ostriches.

Flooring must be suitable for the size and age of the ostriches.

Bedding must be suitable for the size and ages of the ostriches and changed regularly.

All electrical, gas or other installations must be inaccessible to the ostriches.

If fluorescent bulbs are used for additional lighting, these should be continuous fluorescent bulbs operating at 1000 Hertz (not standard 50-60 Hertz) to avoid the stress of flickering.

Heat lamps used for chicks should be non-illuminating to allow chicks to sleep.

Accommodation for chicks must allow plenty of natural light.

3. Fencing/Surrounds

Fencing must be of a height of 5'0".

Visible Rabbit/Sheet mesh, or orange snow fencing (from ground level upwards for chicks), attached to study posts, rounded and cornered to avoid trapping, should be used.

All fencing must be highly visible to the ostriches, free from projections, strong enough to withstand ostrich collision.

Electric fencing must NOT be used.

Baffles should be provided in the ostriches paddock to give subordinates protection from dominant ostriches.

4. Feed and Water

On arrival ostriches must have minimum disturbance for a few days until fully settled in.

Breeder's/supplier's feed should be continued for new arrivals until fully settled in.

A palatable food supply, including roughage, suitable for age and growth to avoid abnormalities, should be provided. Nutritional supplements should be provided as necessary.

A plentiful supply of gravel should be provided at all times.

A safe supply of clean water should be provided at all times.

Food should be distributed to permit subordinates a proper supply.

5. Transport

Ostriches shall not be moved from the licensed premises except in the following circumstances and only with prior written permission from the Licensing Authority:-

- a) Removal to a veterinary surgery for treatment;
- b) Removal to other licensed premises;
- c) Removal to any other premises.

Application for removal should be made at least 7 days before the proposed removal. The application should include the address of the premises to which the birds will be moved. The Local Authority in whose area such premises are sited and the name and address of the person who will be responsible for the welfare and safekeeping of the ostriches during transit and at the new premises.

The method of transport must have prior written approval from the Licensing Authority.

6. Emergency

Emergency procedures must be in place to protect the ostriches in the event of fire, flood etc.

Adequate fire precautions must be taken. Combustible materials should not be stored in or near the ostriches' accommodation.

A notice should be placed on the accommodation stating the site of the nearest telephone(s). A notice should be kept by such telephone(s) giving the best route to the licensed premises and a description of the location.

Police must be informed in the event of a bird escaping.

Such other Conditions shall apply as the Licensing Authority shall deem necessary from time to time.