

### 5. DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION POLICY

To comply with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018, we have policies and procedures in place to ensure disease control and prevention, to ensure that they are protected from any pain, suffering, injury or disease.

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

Action	Procedure
Safeguard 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"> <li>• Primary vaccination courses must be completed at least two weeks before boarding</li> <li>• Vaccinations are required against:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- canine parvovirus</li> <li>- canine distemper</li> <li>- canine adenovirus</li> <li>- infectious canine hepatitis</li> <li>- leptospirosis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In some circumstances we require vaccination against kennel cough (Bordetella bronchiectasis/ canine parainfluenza)</li> <li>• Where a titre test certification from a vet is produced that covers the period of boarding, we will consider whether that is acceptable.</li> </ul>
Safeguard against parasites by ensuring all Pets have been treated before boarding	<p>We require evidence that dog has been treated for internal and external parasites prior to boarding. 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	<p>All soiled bedding, blankets, towels and toys will be removed and washed immediately.</p>
Waste stored away from Pets and food preparation/storage areas	<p>All waste immediately removed, bagged and disposed of in designated outside refuge bin.</p>

**2. Reducing Risk of infection from Sick Cats and Dogs**

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

<b>Action</b>	<b>Procedure</b>
Animals are checked at least daily for any sign of infection or disease	On arrival and during grooming and play, animals are checked for signs of infection or disease.
Any Pet showing signs of infection/disease is referred to a vet	Owner contacted and permission sought for any treatment. Vet contacted, instructions recorded and followed. Follow up contact if further cause for concern.
Should a cat or 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).	Owner contacted and permission sought for isolation and treatment procedures to minimise distress caused, if required isolation could include return of unsick animals to their home premises. Isolation in boarding establishment designated area.
Separate food, water bowls, bedding and cleaning utensils stored in the isolation unit	In event of a dog needing isolation, all food, water bowls, bedding and cleaning utensils will be stored in the isolation unit and disinfected after use.
Dogs showing signs of infection are not allowed in any shared exercise area	Dogs will be allowed access to a separate area of the garden for toileting. This area will be disinfected after the infected dog is removed from the area.
Any dogs in isolation facility checked regularly – after other dogs	Dogs in isolation will be checked regularly and all protective clothing disposed of after each visit.
Protective clothing and footwear worn when handling dogs in isolation	Protective aprons, masks and gloves stored in isolation room. 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.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Procedure</b>
The home is registered with a local vet and contact details, including out of hours, are known by all household	Registered with: - Westway Veterinary group 426-48 West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne (0191) 2747910
A written agreement is made with the cat or dog owner on which vet to be used	Consent form will be signed by owner to this effect prior to any home boarding.
Medicines are stored securely in accordance with instructions of the vet	Medicines stored in cupboard out of reach of dogs. A refrigerator is available for medicine requiring such storage.
A secure fridge is available for storage of medicines	A refrigerator is available for medicine requiring such storage.
All medicines are administered in accordance with vets' instructions	Instructions on medicines will be followed and recorded.
Unused medicines are returned to owner, nominated contact or prescribing vet	Unused medicines will be stored, recorded and returned as specified.