

7. MONITORING OF NEW DOGS

To comply with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018, we have policies and procedures in place to monitor dogs coming into our care, to ensure they are happy as well as healthy.

Action	Procedure
Observe dogs after arrival to identify abnormal behaviour – in particular dogs that are nervous or fearful of contact	Initial introduction of dog to staff. Dog allowed to have choice of interaction or private space to acclimatise. When dog observed to be ready for interaction, this will be welcomed and encouraged. Dog to be slowly introduced to other dogs. Continual observation of dog and interactions with other dogs and people.
Where dogs are fearful or nervous, separation where necessary	Rooms available for dog separation and dog will be monitored regularly.
Behaviour of dogs is monitored daily	Behaviour is observed and records kept of any signs of stress, fear, anxiety, aggression.
Dogs showing signs of distress given suitable accommodation	Dogs showing signs of distress – for example elderly or nervous dogs are placed in a quiet area and monitored carefully.
If abnormal behaviour is noted	Advice sought from a vet. Owners' permission sought for any intervention.