

## **Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended)**

### **Licence to operate a Zoo**

Name and address of the operator:

**The North of England Zoological Society**

Name and address of the zoo:

**Chester Zoo – Including Phase 1 and Phase 2A of the Islands Extension  
Caughall Road  
Caughall, Chester  
Cheshire  
CH2 1LH**

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council hereby grants the above applicant a Zoo Licence under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended) to operate the above named Zoo.

The Licence is granted for a period not exceeding six years and expires on:

**31 March 2019**

The licence is granted subject to the attached conditions



Regulatory Services Manager  
Compliance and Commercial Support

The issue of this licence is without prejudice to the application of other relevant legislation

## Conditions of Zoo Licence

### Conservation Measures

1. The Licensee must:

- Promote public education and awareness about biodiversity conservation. In particular, provide information about the species of wild animals kept in the zoo and their natural habitats.
- Accommodate and keep the animals in a manner consistent with the standards set out in the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice.
- Prevent escapes and put into place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals.
- Introduce practical measures designed to prevent the intrusion of pests and vermin into the premises of the zoo.
- Keep up-to-date records of the animals, including numbers of different animals, acquisitions, births, death, disposals and escapes, causes of deaths and the health of animals.
- Participate in at least one of the following:
  - Research which benefits the conservation of wild animals
  - Training in relevant conservation skills
  - Exchanging information about the conservation of wild animals
  - Breeding of wild animals in captivity
  - Repopulating an area with wild animals, or re-introducing wild animals
- The licensee must keep information to show how it has complied with this condition and supply it to the local authority upon request.

### Insurance

2. Within one month of the date of the licence and one month of the date of renewal of the policy, where applicable, a copy of the zoo's current public liability insurance policy, and of subsequent renewals thereof, to be sent to the licensing authority.

### Hazardous Animals

3. The licensing authority to be notified in writing, at least one month in advance, of the proposed addition of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice), which is from a taxonomic family of which Category 1 species have not previously been kept in the zoo.

### Temporary Removal of Animals from the Zoo

4. The licensee/s to notify the licensing authority before the temporary removal from the zoo (other than for veterinary attention or inter-zoo movements) of any animal listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation of Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice. Such notification to be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 hours before the removal, unless the zoo operator and licensing authority mutually agree a shorter period. When giving notification, details of the destination and method of transportation of the animal and of the arrangements for its well-being, as well as for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the zoo, to be provided.

### Escapes

5. In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the zoo, notification shall be made to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.

Note 1. These conditions are attached to the licence without prejudice to the application, where relevant, of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice specified in accordance powers conferred under section 9 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended).

Note 2. The grant of this licence does not imply that the requirements of any other legislation have been met.