**Prevention and Control of the Spread of Disease**

To comply with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities involving Animals) Regulations 2018, we have policies and procedures in place to prevent and control the spread of disease.

1. **Disease Control**

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

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| **Action** | **Procedure** |
| Safe guard against infection on the premises by ensuring all boarding dogs have appropriate immunisation | 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.   * • \_Primary vaccination courses must be completed at least two weeks before boarding * • \_Vaccinations are required against:   -canine parvovirus  -canine distemper  -canine adenovirus  -infectious canine hepatitis  -leptospirosis   * • \_In some circumstances we require vaccination against kennel cough (Bordetella bronchiseptica/ canine parainfluenza) * • \_Where a titre test certification from a vet is produced that covers the period of boarding we will consider whether that is acceptable |
| Safe guard against parasites by ensuring all dogs have been treated before boarding | 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. |
| Reduce risk of infection by hygienic removal and storage of all soiled bedding and excreta | All soiled bedding, blankets, towels and toys et will be removed an washed immediately. |
| Waste stored away from dogs and food preparation/storage areas | All waste immediately removed, bagged and disposed of in designated outside refuge bin. |

1. **Reducing Risk of infection from Sick Dogs**

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

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| **Action** | **Procedure** |
| Animals are checked at least daily for any sign of infection or disease | On arrival and during grooming and play, dogs checked for signs of infection or disease. |
| Any dog showing signs of infection/disease is referred to a vet | Vet contacted  Owner contacted and permission sought for any treatment.  Instructions recorded and followed.  Follow up contact if further cause for concern. |
| Should a 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). | Isolation area in boarding establishment designated. |
| Separate food and water bowls, bedding and cleaning utensils stored in the isolation unit | In event of a dog needing isolation, all food and water bowls, bedding and cleaning utensils will be stored in the isolation unit and disinfected after. |
| Dogs showing signs of infection are not allowed in any shared exercise area | Dogs will be allowed access to separate area of garden for toileting. This area will be disinfected after dog removed from 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. |

1. **Treatment of sick animals**

Where and animal needs medical treatment we seek agreement from the owner and ensure vets instructions are followed.

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| **Action** | **Procedure** |
| The home is registered with a local vet and contact details, including out of hours, are known by all staff | Registered with . |
| A written agreement is made with the 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 contactor prescribing vet | Unused medicines will be stored, recorded and returned as specified. |