

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT IN TERMS OF REGULATION 12 OF
THE ANIMAL WELFARE (LICENSING OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ANIMALS) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2021**

Licence Type:	ANIMAL WELFARE ESTABLISHMENT		
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Animal Welfare Establishment:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Date of Visit: 21/01/2025- second visit due to request granted by committee			
Inspecting Officer: C HILL			
Applicants Name: KERRY ANN SHAW			
Applicants Address: HAPPAS CANINE CENTRE, HAPPAS, FORFAR, DD8 2JW			
Previous relevant convictions (as stated in the application): No details passed over from licensing application.			
Number of Animals: 23 on site, 11 in foster homes (No information at time of visit but chip and dogs name only have now been supplied) & 12 in Kennels in England			
Condition of Animals: Condition of the animals from a health perspective was good.			
No. of Staff/Volunteers: 2 Volunteers not for dog care or kennel work			
Staffing Ratio: 1:23 For dog handling and kennel management The following have also been added, 1 volunteer reception and kitchen cleaner 1 volunteer for driving dogs to vets and online IT work.			
Staff Experience and Qualifications: Pet First Aid – New Skills Academy – 15 th November 2024 Pets Psychology Diploma – New Skills Academy – 15 th November 2024			
Records Kept: Dogs details are kept on file, however one dog had vaccination records with no microchip details or information on dog history in file. At time of inspection no information was given of dogs currently in foster homes.			
Paperwork lacking for the following: -			

Feeding -Dietary information on records in files but advised this would be best on a feed chart near the feeding station for reference

Fire or emergency procedure – currently insufficient to ensure dogs and potential handlers are kept safe at all times.

Quality of Record Keeping:

Significant gaps remain as detailed above.

Likelihood of Producing Good Records in the Future:

This is the second visit within a space of 70 days from previous report. Improvements have been noted but conditions remain unsatisfactory

Premises Suitability:

There are a number of repairs, improvements and changes to protocols and safety issues that remain outstanding and require to be addressed.

The kennels where the dogs were at time of announced visit were clean.

Risk Assessment:

Not suitable for licence

For Breeding Licences, recommended Max number of Breeding Female Animals:

No breeding animals

I, Coreen Hill, Animal Health Officer am a designated inspector in terms of The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 and in my opinion, the applicant is not likely or capable of meeting both the general licence conditions (set out in Schedule 2 of the regulations) and the activity specific licence conditions (as set out in Schedule 3-8 of the regulations, where applicable) and I object to the licence being issued.

Reason for objections:

Structural

- The wooden beam supporting the roof of the outside run area to one kennel is rotten and broken.
- Large outdoor run that has been created is insufficient in that it is structurally insecure and would not contain the dogs as required meaning there is a risk that the dogs can escape. This also means that they have lack of enrichment by being unable to be suitably exercised in a large area safely.

Procedural

- No isolation protocol available.
- Small outdoor exercise area strong smell of urine and recycled litter and small sharp roofing plastic found in the area at time of visit
- Unable to demonstrate adequate procedures to record abnormalities in any of the dogs with their drinking or eating habits.

Management

Applicant advised at time of inspection a vet practice was in place for neutering, vaccinations, General Health checks and emergency call out to kennels. However, upon speaking with the practice they advised that no emergency call out provision was in place.

- No kill policy for the Charity but some of the dogs have serious kennel guarding issues.
- If the Foster dogs were required to return to the charity, there is insufficient kennels for the total of 11 dogs.
- Some signs still of medication management issues with out of date non prescribed supplements
- Insufficient enrichment can be carried out with the number of dogs on the premises with the number of staff available.
- The noise in the kennel blocks during the inspection was loud and no signs of ear defenders being made available to visitors.
- No Isolation protocols
- Lone working procedure when asked where the walkie talkies were none were available and was made aware these would be purchased. Docking station but no walkie talkies.
- Emergency protocol is to remove all dogs if safe to do so but no procedure in place for dogs that have been highlighted as high risk to some handlers.

The applicant has attempted to manage the kennels, but repairs are still required throughout to meet the required standards, several hazards remain present. The proposed number of dogs cannot be safely managed by the applicant alone in the absence of other staff or volunteers. There is an insufficient number of competent people available to provide a level of care to ensure the welfare needs of all animals in the licenced premises are met.

70 days have passed since the previous inspection and only minor improvements noted. The applicant does not fully understand the conditions that an Animal Welfare Establishment must comply with to meet current Scottish Government guidelines and has not demonstrated her ability to maintain the premises in such a manner to meet the licence conditions.

(* Delete where applicable)

ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICER (SIGNATURE)

C Hill DATE: 24/01/2025...