

Wiltshire Council



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GUIDANCE NOTES

ZOO LICENSING

Zoos are regulated by the Council under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 and the Council works in close partnership with the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on all aspects of zoo licensing.

The Local Authority cannot consider an application unless at least two months notice of the application has been given, plus publication of details in a local and national newspaper and a notice placed at the site.

The Authority must consult:

- the Police
- Fire Authority,
- Governing Body of any national institute concerned with zoos
- adjoining Authority if the zoo overlaps the area of that Authority
- any person wishing to object on grounds of alleged injurious effect on the health or safety of persons living in the area.

The Authority must also arrange an inspection by a Consultant Inspector from the list of suitable inspectors nominated by the Secretary of State.

The licensing of zoos is a specialist field and the regulations are complex. If you are thinking of setting up a zoo, it is recommended that you contact a specialist officer first for advice and guidance on the details above.

Fees

Initial Licence Fee:	£895.00*
Licence Annual Renewal (single site):	£485.00*
Licence Annual Renewal (multiple site):	£785.00*
Amendment to existing Licence:	£21.00*

** plus vet fees where necessary*

Contact Details

Please send the completed application form and fee to:

**Wiltshire Council
Public Protection – Licensing,
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge,
Wiltshire
BA14 8JN**

Wiltshire Council has one main telephone number: 0300 456 0100