

Keeping dangerous wild animals application process

Evaluation process

Once an application has been received, we will arrange for an inspection of the premises by a suitably qualified Veterinary Inspector. This will result in a report upon the suitability of the application.

Please note that there will be an additional charge for the veterinary inspection

Before granting a licence, we will consider the report of this inspection concerning the applicant, the premises and other relevant matters. We will also consult with other interested parties e.g. emergency services.

Target completion period

We will process your application as quickly as possible and, in any event, within the following timescales:

| Application type | Processing target | Tacit consent |
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| Application for a licence to keep a dangerous wild animal | 28 calendar days | No |
| Application to renew a licence to keep a dangerous wild animal | | No |

What happens if your application is not processed by the local authority within the timescales stated?

Tacit consent will not apply. This means that there is:

- a risk to public safety
- danger to animal welfare if the premises are not inspected or checked

So it is in the public interest that the Local Authority must process your application before it can grant a licence. If we have not contacted you by the end of the target completion period, please get in touch with us.

If we have not contacted you by the end of the target completion period please get in touch with the Applications Processing Team on 01895 556000.

More information about tacit consent is available at:

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/licencing

Failed applications (redress)

In the first instance, the application will be referred to Council Committee for it to be determined. The applicant will be invited to attend the meeting to make representations to the Committee before it considers and determines the application. If a person is aggrieved by the refusal of a licence by the Council Committee or by a condition imposed on the licence he or she may appeal to a Magistrates Court.

Where a person is convicted of any offence under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 or of any offence under legislation relating to animal health, welfare and/or licensing. The Court may cancel any licence to keep a dangerous wild animal and disqualify the person from holding such a licence for such a period as the Court thinks fit. The cancellation or disqualification may be suspended by the Court in the event of an appeal.

Other redress

If you have a problem with a licensed keeper of a dangerous wild animal, we recommend you contact the keeper directly to try and resolve the dispute. If this is not successful, then the Food, Health and Safety Team maybe able to help on 01895 250190. Or contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service or the UK European Consumer Centre if you are outside the UK.

If you are concerned that a person is keeping a dangerous wild animal without a licence or you have concerns about the welfare of such an animal please contact the Food, Health and Safety Team on 01895 250190.

Should you need to complain about, for example, noise, pollution, etc. or should one licence holder have cause to complain about another - please contact the council's contact centre 01895 55600 in the first instance.