

## **Risk Assessment**

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed & how	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to control the risk?	Action by:	Action by when?	Date completed:
Aggressive Behaviour/Injury by Dog bite Other animals at the property.	Boarding dogs and pets at the property, dog owner, visitors, residents.	Pre assessment of dog before taking booking including trial acclimatisation — this should be documented. Any signs of aggression during this trial will result in refusal to board.  Separation of dog from other boarders and animals via safety equipment (E.G. safety gate/stable door/closed door/cages etc.)  Gradual familiarisation with other boarders and animals and any new dog.  Dogs must be supervised when playing with toys if children are present.	Dogs to go on leads if necessary, or other means of separating dog from baorders and other animals. Review risk assessment to ensure it is suitable and sufficient.	Licence holder.	Time of incident.	
Dog Escaping.  Running out open door or window or getting loose on walk.	Dog, injury from running, traffic injury, dehydration, starvation, death.	Make sure all outer doors are kept closed, gates must be latched and bolted, indows on latches. If door can't be locked, a secondary prevention, ie; gate.  Make sure lead is secure to collar or harness and that collar is tight enough it can't be slipped. Keeping good control of dog and firm grip on lead, or belt to attach lead to.	Add extra barriers if needed. Review risk assessment on regular basis to ensure measures are still suitable.	Licence holder.	Time of incident.	

Disease Spread.  Pets carry infectious diseases that can pass to humans	Dogs boarding, resident pets and other human members of household.	All residents to wash hands thoroughly if they have been in contact with a dog or the dogs toys etc.  Avoid dogs licking their faces, face to face contact between the dog and person should be prevented.  Strict cleanliness measures in place to prevent spread of infections. Clean touch points such as door handles/light switches etc. on regular basis with sanitizer  Any dog toys provided must be able to be suitably cleaned at regular intervals.	Education Anti-bacterial gel or wipes as well as hand washing Cleaning schedule	Licence holder. Residents.	Time of incident.
Allergic reaction	Any resident who may be at the property	Check residents and visiting the property to see if they are allergic to dogs – it is recommended you document these checks and get a visitor or parent/guardian of child to sign.  Licence holder will be aware of their own adults and children but should ask parents/guardians of visiting children Any medication brought to the property must be kept locked away from the dogs and children. Medication should only be administered to a child by their parent/guardian	If children are allergic but parents/guardians still want them to visit the business ensure that safe measures are in place for the child. (E.g. emergency contact numbers)	Licence holder.  Visitor or parent of child.  Child.	Time of incident. On day of visit.

Dog faeces contamination	Visitors, residents who may be at the property	Ensure dog faeces is picked up on a regular basis and disposed of in an appropriate waste disposal facility, (mains soil pipe with access hole and screw cap). Ensure dog is house trained. Walk dogs on regular basis.	If dogs are in the exercise area they should be monitored to ensure that faeces are cleaned up as soon as possible and disposed of immediately. Wash and disinfect any area feaces that can't be picked up, ie; diarrhea.	Licence holder Visitor. Resident.	Time of incident. On day of visit
Provision of food for dogs.	Residents or visitors to the property.	Dogs food and water bowls to be kept in a cupboard specifically for boarding dog. Feed the dogs in separate parts of the home, as mealtimes are frequently a flashpoint for disputes. Dogs food in separate fridge or in sealed container on separate shelf. Children should be closely supervised when eating food or snacks and in an area away from the dogs.	Labelled cupbaords and food in fridge. Educate children.	Licence holder Visitors child	When food is present.  On day of visit
Storage of Medicines.	Dog eats residents medicine, other dogs or pets medicine. Becoimes unwell.	All human and pet residents medicine kepts up in high cupboard in separate area to baording dogs and clearly labelled. Any boarding dog medication to be clearly labelled and kept in separate high cupboard out of reach of children.	Review risk assessment regular. Fit cupboard locks aswell if further security is required.	Licence holder.	When medicines are present.

Dog taken ill.	Residents or visitors who may be at the property.	Emergency arrangements must be in place to take of children at the property and other dogs whilst licence holder is having to take ill dog to vets etc.	Emergency numbers for :- Fit and proper person to take care of other dogs Other children's parents to come and collect children Dog owners.	Licence holder Visitors	At time of incident.  On day of visit
Dogs travelling in car of van.	Jumping out when door is opened, or causing a distraction whilst driving.	Lead attached to collar or harness and lead secured before door opened. Dog to be secured by means of crate or dog guard in boot of car, crate or cage in van or harness and dog seat belt if on car seats. Favourite toys to keep amused to stop boredom or barking.  Toilet stops every two hours on long journeys to keep dog comfortable and settled.	No	Licence holder	At time of incident.
Fire.	Members of household, (adults and children), visitors, boarding dogs and resident pets. Injury from fire or smoke, stress. Possibe flight risk.	Ensure fire extinguishers and fire blankets are easily accessible and in date. Smoke detectors in all rooms except kitchen, heat detector in kitchen. All access and escape routes to be kepts clear at all times. Fire escape windows to be kept unlocked. Make sure all visitors and residents know where the exits are and where to convene should smoke/heat detectors go off, (by front gate in driveway. Six doors to the outside available and unlocked, (or locked with key in overnight).	Review of Fire extinguisher and blankets and detectors and record expiry dates. Provision to add fire exit signs and emergency lighting if this should become necessary in the future.	Licence holder Visitors Residents.	Time of incident.  On day of visit