

# LICENCE TO OPERATE A ZOO

## Part 1

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL being the Local Authority responsible for licensing zoos under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 ("the Act")

HEREBY LICENSE

**DEEP SEA LEISURE PLC  
TRADING AS HASTINGS AQUARIUM  
ROCK A NORE ROAD  
HASTINGS  
EAST SUSSEX  
TN34 3DW**

to operate the premises known as

**HASTINGS AQUARIUM, ROCK-A-NORE ROAD, HASTINGS,  
EAST SUSSEX TN34 3DW** ("The Zoo")

Situated within (or the major part of which is within) the area of the said authority, subject to the conditions attached to this licence

This licence is issued in accordance with the Act for a period of **six** years and shall remain in force from **25<sup>th</sup> May 2024** until **24<sup>th</sup> May 2030**

Dated this **29<sup>th</sup>** day of **August 2024**

Sign   
Authorised Officer

## Part 2

**Annex A – Mandatory conditions to be attached to zoo licences (Taken from section 1A of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended))**

### Conservation measures for zoos

**1A.** The following are conservation measures to be implemented in zoos in accordance with this Act-

- (a) participating in at least one of the following-
  - (i) research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
  - (ii) training in relevant conservation skills;
  - (iii) the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;
  - (iv) where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity; and
  - (v) where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals;
- (b) promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the zoo and their natural habitats;
- (c) accommodating their animals under conditions which aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the species to which they belong, including-
  - (i) providing each animal with an environment well-adapted to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the species to which it belongs; and
  - (ii) providing a high standard of animal husbandry with a developed programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition;
- (d) preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals;
- (e) preventing the intrusion of pests and vermin into the zoo premises; and

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- (f) keeping up-to-date records of the zoo's collection, including records of-
  - (i) the numbers of different animals;
  - (ii) acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals;
  - (iii) the causes of any such deaths; and
  - (iv) the health of the animals.

### **Part 3: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS (LA standard/ running Conditions)**

#### **Additional conditions to ensure the proper conduct of the Zoo in all other respects, during the period of the licence:**

##### **Insurance**

1. Zoo operators must have insurance cover which covers them and every other person under a contract of service or acting on their behalf, against liability for any damage or injury which may be caused by any of the animals or by other factors, whether inside or outside the zoo, including during transportation to other premises. Any upper limit on the sum insured must be set at an adequate but realistic level.
2. Within one month of the date of the licence and one month of the date of renewal of the policy, a copy of the Zoo's current public liability insurance policy, and of subsequent renewals thereof, to be sent to the licensing authority.

##### **Hazardous Animals**

3. The licensing authority to be notified in writing, at least one month in advance, of the proposed addition of any animal listed in category one of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice - 2012), which is from a taxonomic family of which category one species have not previously been kept in the Zoo.
4. The licensee/s to notify the licensing authority before the temporary removal from the Zoo (other than for veterinary attention or inter-zoo movements) of any animals listed in category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation of the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice. Such notification should be given as early as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 hours before the removal, unless the Zoo operator and licensing authority mutually agree a shorter period. The notification should include details of the destination, the method of transportation of the animal, the arrangements for its well-being and the arrangements for the safety of the public whilst it is away from the Zoo.

##### **Escapes**

5. In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the Zoo, notification shall be made to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.
6. The licensee must ensure that all members of staff are familiar with emergency procedures when animals escape. In particular, emergency animal escape drills must be carried out at least four times a year, recorded and regularly reviewed, this should include at least two drills involving the escape of a category one species (where present) as stipulated in Appendix 12 of the current Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice.

##### **Stock Records**

7. An annual stocklist of all animals must be kept and a copy must be forwarded to the local authority before the 1<sup>st</sup> April of the year following that to which it relates. This must be in, or similar to, the format stipulated in Section 9.5 & 9.6 of the current Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice (2012), or those that are produced by ZIMS and cover the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> January until the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

##### **Display of the licence**

8. The operator is required to display publicly the Zoo licence, including the Conditions or a copy of it at each public entrance to the Zoo.

##### **Additional Inspection conditions**

9. In accordance with Appendix 5 (5.4) of the Secretary Of State's Standards Of Modern Zoo Practice, the zoo must, in order to provide comprehensive veterinary care, establish a policy and make adequate provision for the early contact and discussion between the two Veterinary Practices (the Specialist Zoo Vet and the Local Practice) being used for animal welfare and care. This Condition to be met within three (3) months
10. In accordance with 7.11 of the Secretary Of State's Standards Of Modern Zoo Practice all species exhibited must have accurate information displayed and this must include the species name (both scientific and common), its natural habitat, some of its biological characteristics (including if venomous) and details of its conservation status. This condition to be met within 6 (six) months.
11. Ensure adequate hand-washing facilities to the rear reptile service area. It must have a minimum of warm running water, soap, and hand drying facilities. All facilities should be checked and recorded each day. This condition is to be met within one month.

The zoo licence does not imply that the requirements of any other legislation have been met.