

**PET SHOP LICENCE CONDITIONS (5)**  
**DISPLAY AND SALE OF FANCY FISH**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. A pet shop licence from the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) is required to keep or display for sale pets under the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules 2004.
- B. The licence is issued subject to (1) submission of a valid application, (2) satisfactory applicant assessment (in the form of a course, interview or test), (3) satisfactory inspection of premises and (4) compliance with licence conditions.
- C. The licence is renewable annually.
- D. The licensee shall comply with all conditions of the licence at all times. Failure to comply with any condition of the licence shall constitute an offence under the law and the licensee shall be subject to regulatory action. The licensee may also be liable to be prosecuted in court under the applicable law, or have his / her licence suspended or revoked at the discretion of the Director-General.
- E. The licensee undertakes a duty of care to ensure that the animals in the confined environment of shop are (1) healthy and in good condition (2) housed in a clean, comfortable and safe environment and (3) managed properly according to their needs and development requirements.
- F. The licensee shall not keep or display for sale any animal which AVA has not given written approval for and which is not listed on the licence.
- G. The display or sale of drugs, medications and preparations that require a prescription from a veterinary surgeon is not allowed.

**LICENCE CONDITIONS**

**HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT**

- 1. Fishes must be kept in tanks of adequate size. There must be no overcrowding.
- 2. Tanks and containers must be in good condition and kept clean. Unsafe structures, such as damaged racks, must not be used.
- 3. Water quality in the tanks and containers must be properly maintained. There should not be excessive fecal waste / uneaten food left in the tanks or containers.
- 4. Only compatible fishes are to be kept together. (Note: Fight injuries will be considered as a sign of incompatibility)

**MANAGEMENT & HEALTHCARE**

- 5. All fishes displayed for sale must be healthy. Sick, diseased or injured fishes must be removed from the display tanks / containers and given appropriate treatment.
- 6. The shop must display an emergency contact number on the shop front for the public to call in the event of an emergency and there must be evacuation arrangements in place.

**REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

- 7. The source of the fishes and their date of arrival in the shop must be available.

- 8. Only fishes and animals which AVA has given written approval to display and sell are to be kept on the premises.
- 9. Fish that are large when mature and not suited to be kept in the average aquarium tank (e.g. sharks, arapaima) are not permitted to be sold.
- 10. Pet shops retailing Asian Arowanas (*Scleropages formosus*), also known as Dragon Fish, should comply with the following:
  - a) Only legally imported or acquired Dragon Fish which are individually tagged (i.e. implanted with microchip) and certified as farm-bred of second filial generation and beyond may be sold. The fishes must have valid CITES permits and/or certificates if they are imported.
  - b) Any acquisitions or purchases of Dragon Fish from other importers must have supporting documents such as letters of transfer or invoices containing the details of the fish. Fishes sold must be accompanied by a letter of transfer containing details of the fish, including its origin.
  - c) Proper inventory and movement records must be maintained of all Dragon fish held and sold.
  - d) The licensee must have a scanner to read the microchip tags.
  - e) Display tanks should be placed at least 1 metre away from other animals.
  - f) Bird/ animal cages must not be placed above the display tanks.
  - g) All tanks are to be covered with appropriate lids.
- 11. All fishes must be kept in their designated display areas approved by AVA. Any change of location of the fish display area must be approved by AVA.
- 12. Fishes must not be displayed outside the shop premises unless the licensee has obtained written permission from the relevant building or area management.
- 13. The licensee, manager and all staff who have worked longer than 6 months at the shop must attend structured formalized training for the pet retail industry at a teaching institution recognized by AVA, when required.
- 14. Shops with a grade must display their latest Grade Decal prominently.
- 15. There must be no non-compliance with the requirements of other regulatory agencies.

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