



ASHFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACTS 1964 & 1970

CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH A LICENCE TO KEEP A RIDING ESTABLISHMENT IS GRANTED

1. The number of horses at the premises at any one time must not exceed....
2. Horses must be kept in good health and physically fit. In the case of horses hired out or used for instruction, the horses must be suitable for the purpose.
3. No horse may be hired out, used for instruction or used for demonstration
 - a) if it is under three years old
 - b) if it is pregnant
 - c) within three months of foaling.
4. Any riding equipment must be free from visible defects which could cause harm to the horse or rider.
5. The feet of all animals must be kept in good condition and if they are shod the shoes must be correctly fitted and in good condition.
6. If an authorised officer of the Authority finds any horse in need of veterinary attention, that horse must not be allowed to work until the licence holder has had the animal treated (at his/her own expense) and a veterinary certificate sent to the Authority stating that the animal is fit for work again.
7. No horse may be let out for hire or used for instruction unless supervised by a person aged 16 or over unless the licence holder is satisfied that the rider is capable of riding without supervision.
8. If horses are kept at grass they must be provided with adequate pasture, shelter, water and supplementary feed as necessary.
9. At all other times horses must be provided with suitable food, bedding and material and must be adequately exercised, groomed and rested and visited at appropriate intervals.
10. Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases among horses. Veterinary first aid equipment and medicines must be provided and maintained at the premises.
11. The construction of the establishment must be substantial, adequate to contain the animals and provided with warmth and shelter in clean and hygienic conditions. The stalls and boxes must have convenient and safe access and stalls must be large enough to allow the animal to turn round, lie down and get up without risk of injury.
12. Yards must provide sufficient space for all animals kept at the premises.
13. Lighting must be such that artificial light is unnecessary in daylight.
14. Ventilation must be adequate but without draughts.
15. Drainage must be such that waste from the animals is carried away and the standings are kept dry.
16. Provision must be made for the disposal and storage of soiled straw and manure.
17. Storage space must be available for forage, bedding, stable equipment and riding equipment.

18. The licensee shall ensure that a fit and proper person shall at all times be in, or within reasonable distance from the premises to exercise adequate supervision and for the purpose of giving warning and taking other necessary steps in the event of fire or other emergency.
19. Appropriate steps must be taken for the protection of horses in case of fire or other emergencies. Adequate fire fighting equipment must be provided and suitably located. A means of escape in case of fire must be maintained. An emergency evacuation plan and fire warning procedure must be drawn up and posted at a prominent position on the outside of the premises. This must include instructions as to where the horses are to be evacuated to in the event of a fire or other emergency. The name, address and telephone number of the licence holder or other responsible person must be displayed with this information. There must be adequate means of raising an alarm in the event of fire or other emergency. The establishment shall obtain fire protection advice from the Fire Prevention Officer of the district authority on the above matters, and implement such advice.
20. "No smoking" signs must be prominently displayed at the establishment.
21. No person under the age of 16 must be left in charge of running the business.
22. A current insurance policy must be held which insures the licensee against any liability for any injury sustained or caused by someone as a result of the business activities.
23. A register must be kept of all horses under the age of 3 years old which are normally kept on the premises. The register must be available for inspection by an authorised officer at all reasonable times.