

Dacorum Borough Council

Riding Establishments Acts 1964 & 1970.

Conditions of licence set by Statute.

1. Horses must be maintained in good health and physically fit. They must be suitable for the purpose for which they are used.
2. The feet of all animals must be properly trimmed and if shod, their shoes must be properly fitted and in good condition.
3. All horses must be provided with suitable accommodation in respect of size, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness having regard to the number of horses accommodated.
4. In the case of horses held 'at grass' there must be adequate pasture, shelter and water at all times. Supplementary feeds must be provided as required.
5. Horses must be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and , except in the case of horses held 'at grass', bedding material. They must be adequately exercised, groomed, rested and visited at suitable intervals.
6. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent and control the spread among horses of infectious or contagious diseases. Veterinary First Aid and medicines must be provided and maintained at the premises.
7. Appropriate provisions must be made for the protection and extrication of horses in case of fire. The name and address of the licenceholder or other responsible person and the actions to be taken in case of fire must be displayed on the outside of the premises.
8. Adequate accommodation must be provided for forage, bedding, stable equipment and saddlery.
9. Any horses found on inspection to be in need of veterinary attention must not be returned to work until the holder of the licence has obtained (at their own expense) and submitted to the Council a veterinary certificate stating that the horse is fit for work.
10. Persons under 16 shall not be allowed to hire or use a horse for instruction unless in the case of hire the licenceholder is satisfied as to the hirer's competence to ride the horse unsupervised.
11. There shall always be a responsible person over the age of 16 years in charge of the riding establishment.

12. The licenceholder shall hold a current insurance liability cover for injury to the rider and damage caused by the horse whether a) the horse is let out for hire, or b) if the rider is receiving instruction for which payment is made.
13. A register of all horses aged three or under shall be kept by the licenceholder. The register must be available at all reasonable times for inspection by an authorised inspector.

NOTES.

If any condition of the licence is contravened or not complied with, the licenceholder shall be guilty of an offence.

Any person aggrieved by a condition imposed by virtue of conditions 1 - 8 above or imposed as an additional condition may appeal to a Magistrates Court.

'Riding Establishment' is defined as premises hiring out or giving instruction for payment.

Any duly authorised officer of the Council, or veterinary surgeon/ practitioner authorised in writing by the Council, may enter at all reasonable times the premises and inspect them or any horse kept thereon, for the purposes of determining if an offence has, or is being committed and to assess the suitability of the premises.