

Lambeth Council guidelines for Animals at events.

These guidelines do not supersede the [London Borough of Lambeth Animal Welfare Charter](#), but are designed to enhance it with specific application to events and animals at events and filming.

All applications to hold circuses, performances, exhibitions or displays of animals on any Council land or premises will be considered individually and the decision to grant or refuse such applications will be based on a wide range of considerations, including animal welfare. When considering the application on Council owned or maintained land, the following will be considered: The type of animals used and whether the five welfare needs have been observed during the animal's life.

Please note animals are generally grouped into six types of animals: Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, Invertebrates and Fish. This guidance will apply to all and any sorts of animals.

1. The following conditions apply and form part of the EventLambeth Terms and Conditions for holding an event in a park, open space or public highway. Specific guidelines can be found on the following pages. No dogs, except guide dogs, shall be allowed access to the event without prior approval of the Event Officer in Charge (OIC).
2. If permitted by the OIC, owners with dogs attending the event must keep dogs on a lead at all times and adhere to the Control of Dogs Order 1992, which requires that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with a pet tag bearing the name and address (including postcode) of the owner.
3. All animals brought onsite as part of an event must have appropriate documentation, which should be submitted to the City of London Animal Health and Welfare Team for checking at least 21 days prior to the event.
4. All working animals onsite (such as dogs used for searching) must have documented welfare provisions in place, be agreed by the Lambeth Safety Advisory Group and must have received explicit permission from the OIC.
5. No animals of any sort are to be awarded as prizes in any circumstances.
6. No animals of any sort will be permitted at festive activities/events (for example reindeers at Christmas events)
7. No riding of animals will be permitted outside of a stable, riding school or educational environment.

8. All event organisers must adhere to the London Borough of [Lambeth Animal Welfare Charter](#) and the [RSPCA Guidelines for the Welfare of Performing Animals](#).
9. Domesticated animals used in entertainment acts of circuses in a Lambeth park or Open Space will need explicit permission from the OIC.
10. Non-Domesticated species for animal encounters will need explicit written permission from the OIC.
11. All animals should be free to exhibit normal behaviour patterns.
12. The requirement for animals at an event needs to be assessed by the OIC. The inclusion of animals at an event should be considered and options looked to where alternatives could be employed. Permission will only be granted where the event organiser signs up to these Guidelines.
13. Event organisers are required to ensure that they appoint reputable organisations or owners to provide animals at events.
14. The requirements of the animals should be given first consideration. It is understood that these needs may require a display to be cancelled or postponed and such disclaimers should be included in event promotional literature.
15. Animal waste is the responsibility of the event organiser to dispose of and must be accounted for within the Event Waste Management Plan.
16. Where appropriate event organisers need to ensure they have an Animal Gatherings Order (AGO) license from Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) in place with regards to cloven footed livestock. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/get-a-licence-to-hold-an-animal-gathering>.
17. Where animal handling is part of an event, appropriate hand washing facilities and signage must be made available. There should running water and liquid hand soap for anyone who has come in contact with animal handling or petting.
18. These guidelines are a minimum standard.

Guidelines

The London Borough of Lambeth Events Service, EventLambeth, takes animal welfare at events very seriously. Before approval will be given to an event that involves any animals, event organisers are required to adhere to the following guidelines as a minimum standard. Event organisers not adhering to these will not be permitted to hold events in Lambeth's Parks and Open Spaces in future or can have their event terminated should they fail to adhere to requirements of the OIC.

Circuses and Animal Performances:

- No non-domesticated species are permitted to perform at Circuses taking place in Lambeth's Parks or Open Spaces.
- The use of domesticated animals at Circuses is only at the permission of the OIC. Requests can be made in writing to OIC for Lambeth review. The OIC will need to

understand why this species is included and what it adds to the experience, details on welfare provisions and any steps or certification that is required for those animals.

- The use of domesticated animals for animal performances is only at the permission of the OIC. Requests should be made in writing to OIC for review. The OIC will need to understand what it adds to the experience, details on welfare provision and any steps or certification that is required for those animals. OIC may also ask for a reference from other venues or review records from previous events (if repeat activity).
- Under [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018](#), anyone using performing animals must hold a performing animals licence. Anyone who is exhibiting and / or training animals for public performance will need a performing animals licence. EventLambeth reserves the right to inspect this.
- Where animals are permitted, operators are required to follow the [RSPCA Guidelines for the Welfare of Performing Animals](#).
- Where appropriate all documentation for the animals and animal movement must be in place and submitted to the City of London Animal Health and Welfare Team at least 21 days prior to the event taking place.
- Risk assessments and method statements (RAMS) to include details of animal welfare provision must be submitted to the OIC as per the Lambeth Council Terms and Conditions for the Hire of a Park or Open Space.
- All animals must be provided with suitable care and accommodation, shelter, food and water.
- Working hours (including travelling time and performance times) for animals need to be considered so that they include appropriate rest periods throughout the entire event.

Petting Zoos and Animal Encounters:

- Any non-domesticated species at a petting Zoo or animal encounter needs to have approval from the OIC. The OIC will need to understand why this species is included and what it adds to the experience (for example educational purposes) and any steps or certification that is required for those animals.
- All petting Zoo and animal encounters are required to adhere to the [RSPCA Guidelines for the Welfare of Performing Animals](#)
- Where appropriate all documentation for the animals and animal movement must be in place and submitted to the City of London Animal Health and Welfare Team prior to the event taking place.
- CITES Article 10 certificates must be supplied for Animals listed on Annex A of the [European Regulation 1320/2014](#)
- All animals must be provided with suitable accommodation, shelter, food and water.

- Risk assessments and method statements to include details of animal welfare provision must be submitted to the OIC as per the [Lambeth Council Terms and Conditions for the Hire of a Park or Open Space](#)
- Method statements are to include considerations for the amount of time animals are in the handling zones or on display, as well as the environmental conditions, to ensure that animals don't get stressed.
- Working hours (including travelling time and event opening hours) need to be considered so that appropriate rest periods are in place.
- Petting Zoos and animal encounters need to ensure that there is an appropriate ratio of staff members to animals so that members of the public are supervised and guided in how to behave around the animals so as to not stress them in any way. Where animal handling is part of an event, appropriate hand washing facilities and signage must be made available. There should running water and liquid hand soap for anyone who has come in contact with animal handling or petting.

Birds of Prey Displays

- All Bird of Prey displays need have approval by the OIC, should be for educational purposes only and need to ensure that they follow the [RSPCA Guidelines for the Welfare of Performing Animals](#)
- Where appropriate all documentation for the animals and animal movement must be in place and submitted to the City of London Animal Health and Welfare Team at least 21 days prior to the event taking place
- Organisers must confirm that they have met the terms of the bird gathering conditions as outlined by APHA and all information must be submitted at least 7 days prior - further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/bird-gatherings-licences>
- CITES Article 10 certificates must be supplied for Birds listed on Annex A of the [European Regulation 1320/2014](#)
- Risk assessments and method statements (RAMS) to include details of animal welfare provision to be submitted to the OIC as per the Lambeth Council Terms and Conditions for the Hire of a Park or Open Space.
- All animals must be provided with suitable care and accommodation, shelter, food and water.
- Working hours (including travelling time and performance times) for animals need to be considered so that they include appropriate rest periods.
- Event organisers are required to provide a suitable secure space for the Bird of Prey display to take place in consultation with the display provider.
- Enough Marshalls/Stewards need to be in place to ensure that members of the public do not encroach on the performance space in consultation with the display provider.
- Under [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018](#), anyone who is exhibiting and or training animals for public



performance will need a performing animals licence and EventLambeth reserves the right to inspect this.

Community Dog Shows

- The organiser needs to demonstrate an understanding that dogs that are pets are not used to “performing” and crowds and so may become stressed by what is intended to be a fun event. Consideration to the requirements that the dogs taking part may have needs to be included in the Event Management Plan and RAMS for the event.
- All community dog shows need to follow the [RSPCA guidelines for the Welfare of Performing Animals](#)
- Risk assessments and method statements (RAMS) to include details of animal welfare provision to be submitted to the OIC as per the Lambeth Council Terms and Conditions for the Hire of a Park or Open Space.
- All animals must be provided with suitable care and accommodation, shelter, food and water.
- A suitable number of marshals need to be present to ensure that there is a suitable secure space for the show.
- Design layout and details of any agility obstacle courses need to be submitted to the OIC who will consult with the Lambeth Animal Welfare Officer and Building Control to ensure that they are within the regulated UK agility guidance, fit for purpose and won't cause injury or distress to the animals.
- Owners with dogs attending the event must keep dogs on a lead at all times and adhere to the [Control of Dogs Order 1992](#) which requires that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with a pet tag bearing the name and address (including postcode) of the owner.
- As per the [Microchipping of Dogs \(England\) Regulations 2015](#) – From 6th April 2016 all dogs must be microchipped with the chip details registered on an approved database.

Filming

All filming requests should go through the Lambeth Film Office. Their policy around animals involved in filming is as follows:

- If using animals in filming you need to make sure that you use animals that are trained and that you work within [Film London's Code of Practice](#). We would normally expect them to be supplied by a known industry supplier or owner.



- When filming with animals, the Production must agree to follow the [RSPCA Guidelines for the Use of Animals in the Audio-Visual Industry](#) as a minimum standard. The RSPCA Guidelines can be obtained by calling their Performing Animals Hotline on 0300 123 8787, or visit their [website](#) for full information
- CITES Article 10 certificates must be supplied for Birds listed on Annex A of the [European Regulation 1320/2014](#)
- Performing Animals Registration Certificates must be supplied.
- Under [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018](#), anyone who is exhibiting and or training animals for public performance will need a performing animals licence and EventLambeth reserves the right to inspect this.