

# EventLambeth

## 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. The following conditions apply and these will be included in the EventLambeth Terms and Conditions for holding an event in a park or open space. The guidelines will be a separate document:

1. 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 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. No animals of any sort are to be awarded as prizes in any circumstances.
5. All event organisers must adhere to the London Borough of Lambeth Animal Welfare Charter and the RSPCA Guidelines for the Welfare of Performing Animals.
6. The hirer shall ensure that only domesticated animals are used in entertainment acts or circuses in a Lambeth park or Open Space.
7. Non-Domesticated species for animal encounters will need explicit permission from the Officer in Charge.
8. All animals should be free to exhibit normal behaviour patterns.
9. 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.
10. Event organisers are required to ensure that they appoint reputable organisations or owners to provide animals at events.
11. 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.
12. Animal waste is the responsibility of the event organiser to dispose of and must be accounted for within the Event Waste Management Plan.
13. 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>.
14. Where animal handling is part of an event, appropriate hand washing facilities must be made available. This should be through running water and hand soap.

15. These guidelines are a minimum standard.

## **Guidelines**

The London Borough of Lambeth events team, EventLambeth, takes animal welfare at events very seriously. Before approval will be given to an event that involves 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
- Where domesticated animals are used, circuses are required to follow the RSPCA Guidelines for the Welfare of Performing Animals. Use of domesticated animals is only at the permission of the OIC
- 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 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
- Anyone who is exhibiting and / or training animals for public performance will need a performing animals licence. EventLambeth reserves the right to inspect this.

### **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 and any particular 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 must be made available. This should be through running water and hand soap.

### **Birds of Prey Displays**

- All Bird of Prey displays 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 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
- 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 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 micro-chipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 – From 6<sup>th</sup> 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 you are using animals in your filming you need to make sure that you use animals that are trained to meet the film requirements. We would normally expect them to be supplied by a known industry supplier or owner. The production company must agree to follow either the RSPCA Guidelines for the Use of Animals in the Audio-Visual Industry or the PAWSI code guidelines as a minimum standard for the welfare of animals in the Audio Visual Industry.
- 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
- 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.