

# Six-point plan for pet shops

The following measures would improve animal health and welfare, safeguard public health, improve pet shop management and aid local authority enforcement:

## 1. Inspection

- Qualified, annual pet shop inspections to be carried out by a Council Officer accompanied by suitably qualified veterinary/scientific inspector.
- Regular, unannounced inspections should also take place.

## 2. Supervision

- Pet shops to provide 24-hour supervision for animals.

## 3. Record-keeping

- Records of sales of animals to customers and purchases from suppliers, veterinary treatment and any public health checks to be maintained by pet shop, along with an inventory of animals.



## 4. Vet treatment and post-mortems

- Sick or injured animals in pet shops to receive veterinary treatment without delay.
- Post mortem examinations to be carried out within 24 hours of an animal's death and proper records to be kept of such examinations.

## 5. Fire safety

- Regular, independent fire safety assessments to establish emergency protocols and also determine correct stocking densities so that all animals can be safely removed in the event of a fire.

## 6. Public health checks

- Monthly public health checks on pet shops that sell exotic animals.

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