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DRAFT SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No.**

**The Licensing of Animal Dealers (Young Cats and Young Dogs) (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

**Conditions of an animal dealing licence**

**8.—**(1) The licensing authority must when granting or renewing an animal dealing licence specify the maximum number of young cats and young dogs that may be kept by the licence holder at any one time (the “maximum permitted number of animals”).

(2) An animal dealing licence must include the specified conditions.

(3) The specified conditions are that—

- (a) the licence holder must not, without reasonable excuse, keep a cat or dog which is less than 8 weeks of age at any time unless that cat or dog is accompanied by its mother;
- (b) the licence holder must not keep more than the maximum permitted number of animals;
- (c) the licence holder must ensure that all young cats and young dogs acquired by the licence holder—
  - (i) receive a physical examination by a veterinary surgeon in the 24 hour period immediately after they are acquired by the holder;
  - (ii) have a unique number assigned to each of them for the purpose of identifying the animals individually; and
  - (iii) are accompanied by a written record containing information as to the matters contained in the Schedule so far as applicable;
- (d) the licence holder must ensure that any disease or parasitic infection of a young cat or young dog is treated within 24 hours of identification, whether after the physical examination by a veterinary surgeon or otherwise;
- (e) the licence holder must retain for no less than 3 years from the date of sale of a young cat or young dog a copy of the written record referred to in subparagraph (c)(iii);
- (f) the licence holder must ensure that the licensing authority is permitted to inspect at any reasonable time any place or equipment used in, or in connection with, the acquisition, sale, transport or keeping of animals to which the licence relates and any documents held by or on behalf of the licence holder relating to such animals;
- (g) the licence holder must accede to any reasonable request for information from the licensing authority relating to the undertaking by the licence holder of any activities referred to in sub-paragraph (c);
- (h) the licence holder must provide the number of the animal dealing licence which that person holds and the name and telephone number of the licensing authority in any advertisement or information issued by or on behalf of the licence holder; and
- (i) the licence holder must, prior to delivery of a young cat or young dog to a purchaser, exhibit the animal dealing licence (or a copy) to the purchaser.

(4) An animal dealing licence may be subject to such further conditions as the licensing authority considers necessary for the purposes of securing the welfare of animals for which the animal licence holder is responsible.