



# Zoo Licensing Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 37

### *Enforcement*

#### **17 Revocation of licence.**

- (1) The local authority may, after giving the holder an opportunity to be heard, revoke a licence for a zoo granted by them under this Act—
  - (a) if any reasonable requirements relating to the premises or conduct of the zoo notified by them to the holder in consequence of the report of any inspection under this Act are not complied with within such time as is reasonable in the circumstances;
  - (b) if they are satisfied that the zoo has been conducted in a disorderly manner or so as to cause a nuisance, or in breach of any conditions of the licence;
  - (c) if the holder (or, where the holder is a body corporate, the body or any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body) is convicted of any offence mentioned in section 4(4);
  - (d) if any person who, to the knowledge of the holder, has been so convicted is employed as a keeper in the zoo.
- (2) No licence may be revoked under subsection (1)(a) or (b) on grounds involving the care or treatment of animals unless the authority first consults such persons on the list as the Secretary of State may nominate for the purposes of this subsection.
- (3) The local authority shall take reasonable steps to secure that the holder of the licence is notified in writing of their decision to revoke the licence.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 17 ceases to have effect (E.) (8.1.2003) by virtue of [S.I. 2002/3080](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2, 22](#) (which amendment is extended (W.) (22.4.2003) by [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/992\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. para. 19](#) (with [reg. 4](#))); and (S.) (1.4.2003) by virtue of [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/174\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 22](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, Section 17.