

ASSESSOR FORUM

New ADCH Standards Q+A Session

—
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Guest Speaker

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HOUSE RULES

Links to New Standards and Old Standards available in chat box

Recording in process

Video recording of this forum will be available for viewing in Assessor Toolkit area

Introduce yourself in the chat

Please put yourself on mute

Optional to have camera on or off

Submit questions via chat function





	Wording	Guidance
77	Personal data should be held in accordance with GDPR and the organisation's own data protection and retention policies.	The organisation should be able to evidence that they follow their data protection and retention policies https://www.gov.uk/data-protection
78	<p>The organisation should have written procedures, followed by all who are responsible for animal care and available to all staff and volunteers, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeding • Cleaning • Transportation • Prevention and control of disease spread • Animal monitoring • Death of an animal • Escape of an animal (on and off premises) • In an emergency 	<p>If animals are kept in premises: (a) a written emergency plan must be in place, known and available to everyone on the premises, and (b) such a plan must be followed where necessary to ensure appropriate steps are taken to protect all animals on the premises (without risking human life) in case of fire, flooding, breakdowns of essential heating, ventilation and aeration or filtration systems or other emergencies. (c) The site should be lockable. Any such emergency plan must include details of the emergency measures to be taken for the extrication of the animals should the premises become uninhabitable and an emergency telephone list that includes the fire service and police. The emergency plan includes emergency drills, testing emergency equipment and ensuring that staff know how to use it, electrical safety and testing, back up facilities and accommodation and extremes of weather and temperature.</p>

Wording

Guidance

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Where members of the public can view or come into contact with animals, suitable measures must be taken for the safety and welfare of the animals including staff supervision, signage and locked doors.

If animals are on public display, signs must be displayed on enclosures to deter members of the public from, for example, tapping on glass or poking fingers into cages. Clear signage must be in place at all times outlining health and safety risk to customers and appropriate behaviour around animals on the premises relevant to the specific species. In addition to signs, other measures may be required, such as limiting access to some animal enclosures. Organisations must ensure that no animal is accessed or handled by the public without supervision or direction of a suitable staff member or volunteer with knowledge of the animal. The animal must be able to decide not to be handled. Signs should inform the public that they should not enter an enclosure or handle an animal without first speaking to a member of staff or volunteer. Hand washing facilities are to be available for the public handling animals.



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80	<p>Where organisations use third party facilities (such as commercial boarding) to routinely (glossary 8) house their animals, they must physically inspect the premises. This must occur prior to the agreement, when self-assessments are requested by ADCH and at any other time they see fit. A formal record of the inspection must be kept. A formal agreement must be held on the care provision given by the premises' staff, and staff and volunteers from the organisation. Premises must be licenced with the local authority. Including the accommodation used by the rescue, if eligible. Units housing rescue or private boarding animals must be separated by a solid door or in a different building. Extra precautions must be taken to prevent the spread of disease. Copies of the organisation's own procedures and ADCH Minimum Welfare and Operational Standards must be provided to the boarding establishment.</p>	<p>Further welfare visits should take place more frequently, depending on the number and need of animals under the organisations legal responsibility. The organisation must be able to raise any concerns about the care of their animals, or the facilities, with a named individual (such as the owner or manager) at the premises.</p>



MEMBER COMMS AROUND NEW STANDARDS

- Members have been sent the new standards
- Consultation piece
- New Standards Webinar
- Standards to be sent out again to all main contacts for each member organisation
- Update added to The Scoop
- Social media content on the 1st August across all platforms



ASSESSOR FORUM SCHEDULE

Coming up...



Wednesday 23rd August

Assessing Foster Activity

Guest Speaker TBC

Wednesday 20th September

Talking About ADCH Member Benefits

*Guest Speaker: Therese Carr (Member and
Administration Manager at the ADCH)*