

ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUSINESS LICENSING BY-LAW WITH RESPECT TO THE LIST OF PERMITTED ANIMALS FOR SALE IN PET STORES

POSITION

- This recommendation reflects the high standards of animal welfare that the City of London strives to uphold as is reflected in London's Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy
- The keeping of many non-domesticated (exotic) animals is only acceptable in a limited number of cases.
- Animal welfare, human health and safety and protection of the environment and native wildlife populations are legitimate objectives in the public interest.
- The capacity of local and regional authorities and the various external support agencies and organizations that end up dealing with exotic animal issues and the time, energy and resources required to deal with them are legitimate considerations when addressing exotic animal issues.

POSITIVE LISTS

- Are not an absolute prohibition on keeping, trading or importation.
- Should be based on objective, scientific criteria.
- Are proportionate to legitimately pursued objectives.
- Achieve results that negative lists cannot (e.g., negative lists allow keeping of non-listed exotic animals even without objective assessment to guarantee that keeping entails no risk to animal welfare, human health and safety and protection of environment and native wildlife populations).

CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION ON POSITIVE LISTS

Local and regional authorities are advised to include only those animals for which they possess the expert knowledge (or have access to regular independent, impartial expertise) and skills required to comprehensively assess all relevant criteria.

Animals should only be included on Positive Lists where there is overwhelming independent, impartial, scientific, peer-reviewed evidence concluding that:

- Animals are relatively easy to keep and capable of being housed and cared for with respect to fundamental physiological, ethological and ecological needs. Animals must be able to express a normal range of important natural movements and behaviours (including social behaviours) according to their natural behavioural ecologies and natural histories. Each animal's nutritional, thermal, lighting and other environmental needs and landscape, furnishing, shelter and privacy requirements must be known and can be comprehensively and easily met.
- Independent, impartial, qualified veterinary and, when necessary, additional biological advice is easily available on all aspects of each species health and welfare needs. Bibliographic data on the keeping of each species must be available. In cases of conflict between data or insufficient data, the benefit of the doubt goes to the animal.
- The animal does not pose a health or safety threat to the public. The animal must present no relevant threat to humans due to size, strength, physical attributes such as teeth or claws, speed, temperament, venom, poison or zoonoses.
- The animal does not pose a threat to the natural environment or to native wildlife populations through the introduction of disease or parasites or establishment as an invasive species.

- The animal is not wild-caught or endangered or threatened by legal or illegal trade.
- The animal does not pose a significant potential burden to local or regional authorities who may lack the expertise, facilities and capacity to properly assess, provide oversight, investigate, seize and/or receive surrendered animals and to properly and humanely dispose of them or to the various external support agencies and organizations that assist local and regional authorities in addressing exotic animal issues and problems.
- Criteria for inclusion on a Positive List applies to the keeping of and care of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and invertebrates in retail pet stores.

POSITIVE LIST RECOMMENDATION

MAMMALS (*Captive-bred only*)

Scientific Name	English Common Name	
<i>Canis familiaris</i>	Domesticated Dog	(rescue source only)
<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	Guinea Pig	
<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	Chinchilla	
<i>Felis catus</i>	Domesticated Cat	(rescue source only)
<i>Lemniscomys barbarus</i>	Zebra Mouse	
<i>Meriones unquiculatus</i>	(Mongolian) Gerbil	
<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	(Golden) Hamster	
<i>Mus musculus</i>	House Mouse	
<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	Domesticated Ferret	
<i>Octodon degu</i>	Common Degu	
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	European Rabbit (domesticated)	(rescue source only)
<i>Phodopus campbelli</i>	Campbell's Dwarf Hamster	
<i>Phodopus sungorus</i>	Djungarian Hamster	
<i>Phodopus roborovski</i>	Roborovski Dwarf Hamster	
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Norway (Common, Brown) Rat	
<i>Rattus rattus</i>	Black (Roof, White Laboratory) Rat	

***For Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, humane societies, or SPCA's. :** "Rescue Source" refers to must be sourced from City of London approved rescue organizations, municipal shelters

BIRDS (*Captive-bred only*)

Scientific Name	English Common Name
<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>	Fischer's Lovebird
<i>Agapornis personatus</i>	Yellow-collared Lovebird
<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	Rosy-faced Lovebird
<i>Aidemosyne modesta</i>	Cherry (Crimson) Finch
<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	Cut-throat
<i>Amandava amandava</i>	Strawberry Finch (Red Avadavat or Red Munia)
<i>Auripasser luteus</i>	Golden Sparrow
<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>	Gouldian (Lady Gould's) Finch

<i>Emblema oculata</i>	Red-eared Finch
<i>Erythrura cyanovirens</i>	Red-headed Parrot-Finch
<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>	Blue-headed (Blue-faced) Parrot-Finch
<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	Crimson-rumped Waxbill
<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	Diamond Dove
<i>Hypochera chalybeata</i>	Steel Finch (Senegal Combassou)
<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	Bronze (Winged) Mannikin (Hooded Weaver)
<i>Lonchura maja</i>	White-headed Nun (Munia)
<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	Tri colored (Black-headed) Nun (Black-headed or Chestnut Mannikin or Black-head Munia or Chestnut Munia)
<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	Nutmeg Mannikin (Spotted Munia, Spice Finch, Ricebird or Scaly-breasted Mannikin)
<i>Lonchura (striata) domestica</i>	Society (Bengalese) Finch
<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	Budgerigar (Budgie)
<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	Monk Parakeet (Quaker Parrot)
<i>Neochia modesta</i>	Plum-head Finch
<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>	Crimson Finch
<i>Neochmia ruficauda</i>	Star Finch
<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	Cockatiel
<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	Java (Finch) Sparrow
<i>Poephila acuticauda acuticauda</i>	Shaft tail (Long tailed) Grassfinch
<i>Poephila acuticauda hecki</i>	Heck's Grassfinch (Coral-billed shaft tail)
<i>Poephila bichenovi</i>	Bicheno (Owl) Finch
<i>Poephila guttata</i>	Zebra Finch
<i>Poephila personata</i>	Masked Grassfinch
<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Melba Finch (Melba or Green-winged Pytilia)
<i>Serinus canaria</i>	Canary
<i>Steganopleura (Emblema, Zonaeginthus) guttata</i>	Diamond Sparrow (Finch)
<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Ring-necked Dove
<i>Streptopelia risoria</i>	Ringed Turtle Dove

<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu
<i>Uraeginthus cyanocephala</i>	Blue-capped Cordon-bleu
<i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i>	Purple Grenadier

FISH (Captive Bred Only)

All species. Further criteria may be considered at a future date.

REPTILES (Captive Bred Only)

All current species allowed in the PH3 – Animal Control By-law. Further criteria may be considered at a future date.

Reptile additions deferred by 6 months for consultation with relevant stakeholders and vetting according to established inclusion criteria.

AMPHIBIANS (Captive Bred Only)

No amphibians recommended due to threat of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* and *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*.

INVERTEBRATES (Captive Bred Only)

Scientific Name	English Common Name
<i>Insecta various sp.</i>	Bees, Feeder insects such as crickets, mealworms, other worms, flies, cockroaches, etc.

Invertebrate additions deferred for vetting according to established inclusion criteria.

Definitions: Dogs, cats, and rabbits must be sourced only through foster/rescue groups, municipally-funded pounds/shelters, humane agencies and SPCAs

- defined “Approved Foster/Rescue Organization” shall mean an organization that rescues and fosters domestic cats/dogs and that has been approved in writing for the purposes of this by-law by the City Representative, and whose approved status has not been revoked by the City Representative.

“Pet Shop” shall mean any establishment, business or person engaged in the retail/wholesale sales of animals.

Additional Recommendations:

In the case that a “pet shop” wishes to source dogs and cats from a Foster/Rescue group that is outside of the city, and so is not already on the approved list compiled by the city representative, that group must meet the same standards that would be needed to achieve the 'approved' status as determined by the City Representative.

AWAC shall assist with the development of a review process and in the recommendation of the evaluation model and independent panel.