

Preventative Healthcare Plan (PHP) for premises licensed under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

Guidance notes for veterinary surgeons

The purpose of The Preventative Healthcare Plan (PHP) and these guidance notes is to support veterinary surgeons in practice who have responsibility for advising operators of licensed premises.

The Preventative Healthcare Plan (PHP) and the accompanying guidance notes aim to minimise infection and disease and to promote health and welfare by taking into consideration the elements that could enhance or adversely affect the health and welfare of the animals kept at the licensed premises.

Licensed premises include the following establishments:

- boarding (dogs and cats)
- dog breeding
- doggy day care
- home boarding (dogs)

Preventative Healthcare Plans (PHPs) should take into consideration the following:

1. Risk factors for animal health and welfare, and public health
2. Biosecurity
 - a. Disease Management
 - isolation and quarantine
 - preventive therapies: Vaccinations and parasitic treatments
 - b. Cleaning and disinfection and also, waste management

Completing the PHP form

The PHP form should be completed, signed and dated by the responsible veterinary surgeon and copies maintained for records by both the responsible veterinary surgeon and the operator of the licensed premises.

If there are areas the responsible veterinary surgeon cannot complete, they should strike through related text and provide a reason for example, non-applicable, information unavailable, etc.

Where any element has been found not to be satisfactory by the responsible veterinary surgeon, this should be discussed with the operator and measures outlined to address and resolve issues within a certain time period. This should be recorded in the Notes section of the PHP form. If for any reason the operator refuses to take recommended advice, the responsible veterinary surgeon should record this and any further intended action, such as the intention to liaise with the relevant Local Authority.



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If any amendments are required to be made to the form, include your initials and date the amendment. If these occur following completion of a visit, send an updated copy to the operator.

If there is not enough space for all comments in any section of the PHP form, include these in the Notes section indicating the section of the PHP form to which they relate.

Complete the form by signing and dating it and include a practice stamp.

Indicate the period for which the PHP form is valid.