



Mrs Julie Clark
45 Heath Road
Widnes
Cheshire
WA8 7NQ

Our Ref HBC/011163/2025
If you telephone Kate Hughes
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Your ref
Date 14 May 2025
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Dear Mrs Clark

**The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018
Providing Home Boarding for Dogs: Julie Clark t/a Walkies Dog Walking Services, Primrose
House, 45 Heath Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 7NQ**

Further to your application to the Council for an Animal Activity licence to provide home boarding for dogs and day care for dogs I am pleased to inform you that the Council's decision is to grant you a licence.

The premises has been rated as 'LOW RISK' and meets the 'HIGHER STANDARD' of compliance as set out by DEFRA. Subsequently, you have been awarded the maximum **5 STARS** which means that your licence will be valid for 3 years.

Please note that you will be subject to unannounced compliance visits throughout this period.

Please find enclosed with this letter a copy of the inspection report, your licence conditions and certificate.

Notwithstanding the conditions on your licence we would ask that you are mindful of and comply with any local byelaws and/or conditions relating to keeping dogs under control.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance in future.

Yours sincerely



Kate Hughes
Environmental Health Practitioner

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Risk Scoring Table**

Premises Primrose House, 45 Heath Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 7NQ
Application Type Providing Home Boarding for Dogs/Providing Daycare for Dogs
Date of Assessment 8th May 2025
Officer Kate Hughes
Licence Type Providing Home Boarding for Dogs

	Low (Score1)	High (Score 2)	Score	Officer Comments
Compliance History - inspections	Documented evidence from formal inspections over the previous three years reveal consistent and high levels of compliance in terms of welfare standards and risk management.	Formal inspections over the previous three years reveal some degree of non-compliance that has required the intervention of the inspector for the business to ultimately recognise and address these. More serious breaches would attract other enforcement action: suspension, revocation, prosecution.	1	Operator has achieved consistently high levels of compliance operating as a licensed home boarder.
Compliance History – follow up action	No evidence of follow-up action by local authority in the last year apart from providing the licence holder with a copy of the inspection report, or sending them a letter identifying some minor, administrative areas for improvement (e.g. minor record keeping issues).	Follow up action by the local authority, such as sending them letters, triggered by low level non-compliance that is not addressed, or the business does not recognise the significance of the need to address the non-compliance.	1	No follow up action required over last 12 months
Compliance History – re-inspection	No re-inspection necessary (apart from standard unannounced	Re-inspection necessary to ensure compliance.	1	No re-inspection necessary

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	for infrastructure and equipment is in place.	deteriorate before action is implemented.		No planned maintenance programme in place but structure is in good condition and no maintenance required
Appreciation of hazards / risks – knowledge and experience	Staff have specialist and appropriate knowledge of the taxa / species that are kept. There is sufficient staff, time and resource for daily, adequate routine monitoring, evidenced through records and staff rotas.	Key staff lack experience / knowledge of the species. Staff appear overburdened and / or unsupported by management, corners being cut.	1	Operator is on-site at all times and is assisted by individuals who have a suitable level of experience in caring for dogs.
Appreciation of hazards / risks – dealing with issues	Clear defined roles / responsibilities of staff, with clear processes for reporting and addressing any identified issues.	Lack of any process, or ownership and responsibility within the business to identify and deal with issues.	1	Operator takes full responsibility for the day-to-day running of the establishment and no overall responsibility or decision making is placed on other individuals
Welfare management procedures – written procedures	Written procedures / policies clearly documented, implemented and reviewed appropriately.	Limited written procedures / policies. No overall strategic control or direction.	1	Policies and procedures are well documented
Welfare management procedures – supervision of staff	Appropriate supervision of staff evident where applicable.	Inadequate supervision of staff evident on inspection or from the training records.	1	Any assistance is well supervised by the operator
Welfare management procedures – record keeping	All required records maintained and made available.	Poor standard of record keeping, records out of date or appear to be being manufactured – relevance of records not appreciated.	1	Record keeping is clear, concise and readily available for inspection
Welfare management procedures - training	Planned training programme for staff to review and assess competency, with documented training records.	Little or no evidence of relevant training or system for review and reassessment.	1	Individuals are competent and have an appropriate level of training and experience with dogs
Total Score			15	

Score of 17 or less = Low risk

Score of 18 or more = Higher risk.

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ANIMAL ACTIVITY LICENCE

Licence Holder: MRS JULIE CLARK

**Licensed Premises: PRIMROSE HOUSE, 45 HEATH ROAD, WIDNES,
CHESHIRE, WA8 7NQ**

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL hereby licence the above named licence holder to carry out the following licensable activities at the above mentioned premises:

Providing Home Boarding for Dogs

This licence is granted subject to the conditions set out in the following Parts of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

**Schedule 2
Schedule 4 Part 3**

The numbers and types of animals that may be kept in relation to the licensable activity above are listed in the following schedule:

SCHEDULE TO LICENCE NUMBER HBC/011163 /2025

LICENSABLE ACTIVITY	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ANIMALS PERMITTED
Providing Home Boarding for Dogs	4

This licence shall remain in force from:
14th May 2025 – 14th May 2028

Unless varied, suspended, surrendered or revoked

STAR RATING: 5 STARS



Inspector: Kate Hughes

Designation: Environmental Health Practitioner

Date of Inspection: 8th May 2025

Signed:.....
