
BOARD NOTICES RAADSKENNISGEWINGS

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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1 NEW RULE TO BE NUMBERED 2.13

A Society shall inspect the premises of any new staff or committee member to ensure compliance with the Rules, Statement of Policy, Animals Protection Act and any other associated legislation, to ensure that the welfare of any animals on the premises is in no way compromised. National Inspectors will be permitted to inspect the premises of any member of staff or the Management committee in the presence of the staff or committee member concerned, to ensure that they are not in conflict with the Statement of Policy.

2 AMENDMENT TO RULE 3.6

A Society shall keep accurate, complete and legible records of every animal handled by it, or reported to it, so that such records give a full account of the circumstances under which the animal came to be handled, the activities undertaken by the Society in relation to the animal and result thereof. All such records shall be adequately referenced, kept together and shall not be distributed among different files i.e. Admittance Form, adoption/euthanase/owner claim form, application for adoption, sterilisation contract (if necessary) medical record if applicable and pre and post home checks. Such records shall be made available to the Board on request to facilitate the compilation of accurate and comprehensive records of the activities of member Societies.

3 AMENDMENT TO RULE 6.8

A Society shall not keep any animals for breeding purposes nor allow SPCA facilities to be used for breeding animals, whether intentionally or negligently.

4 AMENDMENT TO RULE 6.13

Any Society that homes any animal to areas outside their area of jurisdiction must sterilise such animals as specified in the Operations Manual before releasing them to their new owners notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 6.6.

5 AMENDMENT TO RULE 6.20

Pre and post home inspections shall be carried out physically by a trained individual for all species of animals adopted by a Society. All aspects of the possible adoption shall be inspected and recorded i.e. property, housing and feeding of animal/s, present animals and capability and knowledge of new owner to care for animal/s adequately. Furthermore animals shall not be adopted into areas where there are no animal welfare organisations and/or SPCA that are able to provide this service and are in agreement with carrying out these inspections on a regular basis. This Rule shall be in conjunction with Rules 6.10 and 6.11 respectively.

6 AMENDMENT TO RULE 6.24

Prior to homing an animal, including owner claimed or stray, the Society shall ensure that it is micro-chipped. In the event that the Society is unable to do so for financial reasons or reasons that are not practicable then the humane alternative methods of identification should be adopted. In the case of a dog or cat that cannot be micro-chipped, it must be fitted with a suitable collar and identity disc prior to it leaving the SPCA.

7 NEW GUIDELINE TO BE NUMBERED 13

All new Committee members, as well as those seeking re-election, and new members of staff of SPCAs must not have a criminal record where the conviction in question relates to misconduct in regards to animals and further may not take up employment, be employed or serve on the committee of any SPCA in a position where a criminal record and a conviction relates to the type of work they will be engaged in.