

APPENDIX 2

Template: Improvement Notice

Animal Welfare Act 2006, Section 10 (1)

Improvement Notice

Part 1

Unique Reference Number:

Date:

<i>To: (person on whom notice is served)</i>	<i>Owner (if different):</i>
<u>Postal Address:</u>	<u>Postal address of owner (if known):</u>

Part 2

By section 9 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (“the Act”) a person commits an offence if he/she does not take such steps as are reasonable in all circumstances to ensure that the needs of an animal for which he/she is responsible are met to the extent required by good practice.

For the purposes of the Act, an animal’s needs shall be taken to include

- It’s need for a suitable environment
- It’s need for a suitable diet
- It’s need to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- Any need it has to be housed with, or apart from, other animals
- Its need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease

Part 3

I, (), am an inspector appointed under Section 51 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006, and I am serving this notice under section 10 (1) of the 2006 Act.

I am of the opinion that you are failing to comply with section 9 (1) of the 2006 Act in respect of the animal(s) described below, and may result in you being liable to be prosecuted for an offence under that section.

Description of animals (including specific location, if appropriate), (species, number, sex, etc):-

The respects in which I consider you are failing to comply with section 9 (1) of the 2006 Act are as follows

Part 4

I consider that the following steps need to be taken by the end of the period specified in Part 4 in order to comply with section 9 (1) of the 2006 Act*

Part 5

The steps described in Part 3 are to be taken within the period ending on

Date: _____ Time: _____

Part 6

You have until _____ to take the steps specified in Part 4. no criminal proceedings will be issued against you in relation to this notice before that time. If you carry out the steps set out in Part 4 by that time you will not be prosecuted in relation to this notice.

If you do not carry out the steps set out in Part 4 by that time you may be prosecuted under Section 9 (1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

If you are prosecuted you may face a penalty of:

- A fine of up to £5000 **and/or**
- Imprisonment of up to 6 months

Signed: Name (in block letters): Date: Time: _____ am/pm	
Signed: (receiver)	Name: (in block letters)

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