

# The Animal Welfare Independent Visitors Scheme

## Out of kennel check sheet

### Using the out of kennel inspection welfare check sheet.

This check sheet can cover training sessions or any handler/dog interactions and will also assess the dog's environment when they are not in their usual kennel(s). One form is to be completed for each dog, in order to address the requirements and welfare of the dog as an individual.

For each criteria point there is a column for the Independent Visitors to check **Yes (Y)** if the criteria is fully met, **Partially (P)** if the criteria is partially met, and **No (N)** if the criteria is not met at all. Where an Independent Visitor has ticked Partially (P) or No (N) they must elaborate why this has been ticked in the **Notes** column and can provide constructive feedback.

**Name of Handler:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of inspection:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of visitor

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Location

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.Vehicle Type and Model / Reg

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Dog's name / collar number

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Dog Age

Breed

Male/Female

Neuter Status

Skill

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Dog Unit Sergeant / Manager

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PCC Administrator

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## 1. The need for a suitable environment

Criteria	Y	P	N	Comments
Is the dog currently in a safe environment with adequate protection from hazards?				
Is the current environment appropriately ventilated and temperature controlled? ( <i>E.g. car/van temperature controlled, or options to rest in a suitable temperature during extreme weather conditions</i> ) - Correct temperature should be between 10-26 C with considerations for humidity and ventilation/draft				
Does the dog have access to a rest area at appropriate intervals?				
Can the handler demonstrate they regularly check the dog, ensuring they are free from distress and danger? ( <i>e.g., ensuring the dog is comfortable in their environment</i> )				
Does the dog have access to a suitable spot cleaned toilet area at regular intervals?				

## 2. The need for a suitable diet

Criteria	Y	P	N	Comments
Is there fresh drinking water available and within reach in a clean bowl?				
Does the dog appear to be a healthy weight? <i>According to the Body Condition Score chart in the Animal Welfare Scheme booklet.</i>				

## 3. The need to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns

Criteria	Y	P	N	Comments
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Can the handler evidence that the dog is allowed opportunities for natural behaviour regularly (e.g. playing, sniffing, digging, conspecific interactions)?				
Can the handler demonstrate their procedure to monitor the dog's behaviour? (e.g. actively observing behaviour out of the kennel and recording behaviour observations)				
Can the handler demonstrate the use of reward-based methods when handling and training the dog (in line with Approved Police Practice)? Check there are <u>no</u> aversive methods or equipment being used.				
Can the handler identify the appropriate procedures in place for behavioural referral if the dog should need this? (E.g. is the dog registered with a vet, who can then refer to an appropriately qualified Clinical Animal Behaviourist).				

#### 4. The need to be housed with, or apart from, other animals

Criteria	Y	P	N	Comments
Does the dog, if working or resting with another, have enough space to be separate from each other?				
Are there enough resources provided for all the dogs present? (e.g., resting areas and water bowls)				
Can the handler demonstrate stress-free handling in the way they, and others, interact with the dog? (e.g., the handler should ensure children or un-trained personnel are not left unsupervised with the dog and interactions are suitable for the individual dog)				

#### 5. The need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease

Criteria	Y	P	N	Comments
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Does the dog appear to be in good health?  <b>Please note if the dog is currently receiving vet treatment for an illness or injury.</b>				
Can the handler demonstrate their procedure for daily monitoring for signs of injury, disease or illness including any behavioural changes?				
Does the dog's coat appear to be healthy?				
Are there cleaning materials available to ensure dog faeces can be safely disposed of?				
Are emergency contact details of a vet easily accessible?				
Are suitable sized collars being worn and identity tags available for use when needed?				
If a harness is used, is it an appropriate size, free from any mechanism that may cause discomfort and in good condition? <b>Please place NA in comments if no harness is used.</b>				

### Other comments