

GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2026 No. 6

**The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Boarding
Establishments and Dog Walkers) (Guernsey)
Regulations, 2026**

<i>Made</i>	<i>23rd January, 2026</i>
<i>Coming into operation</i>	<i>31st January, 2026</i>
<i>Laid before the States</i>	<i>, 2026</i>

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 26(3), 41(1)(b) and 79 of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012^a and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:-

Amendment of Schedule 2 to the Ordinance.

1. Schedule 2 to the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 ("**Schedule 2**") is amended as set out in regulations 2 and 3.

Amendment of paragraph 5 of Schedule 2.

2. In paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 -

^a Ordinance No. III of 2012; this enactment has been amended.

- (a) in subparagraph (1), delete "care or", and
- (b) for subparagraphs (2) and (3), substitute the following subparagraph -

"(2) Subparagraph (1) excludes the provision of accommodation for -

- (a) livestock or a horse,
- (b) an animal –
 - (i) in the accommodation where it is normally kept,
 - (ii) in a building or another structure where its owner is staying, or
 - (iii) in a dwelling."

Insertion of new paragraph 10A in Schedule 2.

3. Immediately after paragraph 10 of Schedule 2, insert the following paragraph -

"10A. (1) A person ("A") taking custody or control of a dog for the purpose of walking the dog in the course of a business carried on by A or any other person.

(2) Subparagraph (1) excludes A taking custody or control of a dog where -

- (a) A is the owner of the dog,

- (b) A is an individual employed by the dog's owner and A's duties as an employee include walking the dog, or
- (c) the dog is, or is to be, walked only as an incident of the provision of treatment, rehabilitation, grooming, training, conditioning, accommodation or any other service for or in relation to that dog in the course of a business.

(3) For the purposes of subparagraph (2)(b), A is employed by the dog's owner ("B") only if A has entered into, or works under, a contract of employment with B.

(4) In this paragraph -

"**contract of employment**" has the meaning given by section 34(1) of the Employment Protection (Guernsey) Law, 1998,

"**dog**", for the avoidance of doubt, includes a puppy,

"**walk**", in relation to a dog, includes the following -

- (a) exercise the dog,
- (b) accompany the dog while it is being supervised or led outdoors."

Fees for licences.

4. The fee that must accompany an application for a licence to be issued by the Committee for an activity specified in paragraph 5 (boarding establishments) or 10A (dog walkers) of Schedule 2 is set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Citation.

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Boarding Establishments and Dog Walkers) (Guernsey) Regulations, 2026.

Commencement.

6. These Regulations shall come into force on the 31st January, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2026

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Gabriel', written in a cursive style.

DEPUTY ADRIAN GABRIEL

President of the Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure

For and on behalf of the Committee

SCHEDULE

Regulation 4

FEE FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT

Category of licence*	Description	Fee (£)
Business	The person carrying on the business	225.00
Business with vehicle	As above, but authorised to use one or more motor vehicles specified in the licence to transport animals for the purposes of the business	225.00 plus an additional 40.00 for each vehicle

FEE FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR DOG WALKERS

Category of licence*	Description	Fee (£)
Business	The person carrying on the business	155.00
Owner with vehicle	As above, but authorised to use one or more motor vehicles specified in the licence to transport animals for the purposes of the business	155.00 plus an additional 40.00 for each vehicle
Individual	Each individual, except one individual nominated in the application for a business licence as the principal dog walker of the business	55.00

*Each licence is for a term of 12 months from the date of issue unless revoked earlier.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012, relating to the provision of accommodation for animals in the course of a business.

These Regulations also insert a new paragraph 10A in that Schedule to require any individual undertaking dog walking activities in the course of a business to obtain a licence.

Finally, these Regulations prescribe the fees payable for applications for licences for the activities in paragraph 5 or 10A of that Schedule.

The Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 (Licensing of Boarding Establishments and Dog Walkers) (Commencement) Order, 2026 will bring into force paragraphs 5 and 10A of that Schedule.

These Regulations come into force on the 31st January, 2026.