**Basic Conditions for Home Boarding – Dogs**

The following basic criteria have to be met:

* No child under 5 resident.
* Only dogs from the same household can be boarded at any one time.
* Boarded dogs to be kept on hard flooring – no carpets but washable rugs are permitted.
* Direct access to a secure garden with a fencing of at least 1.5 metres high for the sole use of the property. Gates must be locked/bolted from the inside.
* Ponds to be protected to prevent access by dogs and glazed greenhouses or cold frames must be fenced off.
* Adequate number of smoke detectors.
* Carbon Monoxide alarm if gas or solid fuel appliances.
* Fire fighting equipment – fire extinguisher and fire blanket.
* Residents dogs to be wormed, vaccinated and flea treated.
* Boarded dogs to be segregated from resident dogs when unattended.
* Dry food to be stored in vermin proof containers. Refrigeration facilities for fresh food.
* Suitable beddings and bowls – clients normally provide these but spares should be held.
* First aid box suitable for use on dogs, lockable medicine storage and sharps container if appropriate.
* Suitable virucidal disinfecting agent to be provided.
* Identity tags showing establishment name and contact number.
* Dogs not allowed to be exercised in a public place by persons under age 16.
* Adequate public liability insurance.
* Emergency contact within 5 minutes travelling distance with spare house keys.
* If dogs are to be transported, a suitable vehicle with cages, harnesses or a dog guard is required.
* Action plan required to provide safe alternative boarding facilities in the case of an emergency.
* Register/booking form should contain the following information
1. Name/description of dog
2. Microchip number
3. Dates of boarding
4. Owner details
5. Emergency contact
6. Vet
7. Vaccinations
8. Health/welfare/nutrition
9. Date of last season
10. Medication
11. Written agreement regarding emergency vet treatment
12. Written agreement regarding sharing with resident dog(s)
13. Written record of familiarisation sessions with resident dog(s)
14. Written record of medication administered