



## Allotment Poultry keeping Agreement

### 1. Definitions

In this agreement (also referred to as the Allotment Poultry Terms and conditions ) :

- 1.1 “Cultural Community Solutions Limited “: acting as agent on behalf of the London Borough of Hounslow, known as CCS
- 1.2 “Allotment Tenant”: means any tenant of Cultural Community Solutions on any plot or plots on any Allotment land within the London Borough of Hounslow
- 1.3 “ Allotment Land “ means any land owned by or managed for the council as allotments within the London Borough of Hounslow
- 1.4 This agreement covers all forms of poultry kept on allotments and includes Chickens, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Quails or Guinea Fowl. Other types of birds are permitted as part of the agreement, these must be declared prior to permission being granted. Cockerels may not be kept on any allotment land

### 2. Review of agreement

Cultural Community Solutions reserve the right to review this agreement as is reasonably required. Before making any changes, notice will be given advising of such changes in writing

### 3. Tenancy

Any person keeping poultry on allotment land must be an allotment tenant and are bound by the allotment conditions of tenancy, and all relevant laws in force at the present time, in addition to the terms and conditions contained in this agreement. The allotment tenant accepts that all costs and expenses incurred for the keeping of any poultry on any plot on any allotment land will be met by the allotment tenant

### 4. General

4.1 CCS reserve the right not to allow or to withdraw its agreement for the keeping of poultry on any plot on any allotment land where it is reasonable to do so.

4.2. The most important consideration is the welfare of the birds themselves. In meeting basic physiological and behavioural needs the following must be provided by the tenant under the **Animal Welfare Act 2006**

- A suitable environment for the birds
- A suitable diet and clean fresh water
- to allow the birds to exhibit natural behaviour
- to house social birds with others
- to protect birds from pain, suffering and disease

4.3. The minimum size of plot on any allotment land that birds may be kept on is 125 square metres or 5 rods

4.4 for the purpose of reporting any matter to the allotment section as require by this agreement the tenant should contact the : Allotment Administrator on 0845 456 2796

## **5. Registration and inspection**

5.1 Allotment tenants are required to register their birds with CCS, in writing, stating the number of birds to be kept and confirming their agreement to follow the terms and conditions in this agreement in full

5.2 Failure to register birds or to comply with any term or condition in this agreement may result in the termination of an allotment tenancy agreement. A requirement of registration will be that the birds be vaccinated. The allotment tenant must maintain a list of all birds with full medication history of each

5.3 If allotment tenants choose to keep birds on their plot they must check on them daily, provide competent care and management, and have the knowledge and skills and ensure the well being of the birds. In addition tenants are expected to keep birds under proper control to avoid disturbance to others.

5.4 An authorized representative of CCS or the London Borough of Hounslow has the right to inspect birds on allotment land at any time. This includes a right of entry to the plot and any structures thereon. If CCS or the RSPCA has cause to investigate complaints of maltreatment, then the reasonable cost of vets or other official inspection will be passed to the allotment tenant

5.5 All deaths of birds are to be recorded by the allotment tenant and reported to CCS forthwith. All dead birds must be disposed of according to the **Animal-bi-products Regulations 2003** ( or any legislation replacing or superseding these regulations )

## **6. Disease Control**

Any sick or injured birds must be removed from the allotment land forthwith by the allotment tenant and treatment sought without delay. The allotment tenant must advise CCS of the name and address of the veterinary surgeon who examined the birds

The cause of any disease or injury will be identified and remedial action taken by the allotment tenant. Any national disease prevention and/or control programmes in force for the time being, must be adhered to by the allotment tenant

## **7. Animal Husbandry**

7.1 The number of birds to be kept on any allotment plot per allotment tenant shall be dependent on the available space on the site and should be sufficient space for the birds to run around and jump, it is recommended that no more than 6 birds are housed in any one contained area

7.2 The area given over to birds on any allotment plot must be protected from predators such as foxes by suitable fencing around the building and run area.

7.3 In addition to effective containment, housing is also key in ensuring the welfare of the birds and should allow expression of natural behaviour.

7.4 To minimize potential nuisance to local residents the bird house and run on any plot should not abutt any residential property, the tenant shall meet the following standards

7.41 The birdhouse should be fully enclosed. A minimum internal floor space of 0.1858 square metres (2 square feet) per bird is required

7.42 All floors should be kept clean. Fresh bedding materials shall be supplied and changed regularly to absorb moisture and odour

7.43 Nest boxes, roosting areas and perches should not be so high above floor level that birds have difficulty using them.

7.44 Bird house conditions should be at all times be adequate to provide sufficient fresh air, but care should be taken to protect confined birds from draughts in cold conditions

7.45 An outdoor run ( Which means a fully enclosed caged run that provides a minimum size of 0.37 square metres ( 4 square feet) is required and it should provide the birds with plenty of space to dig, dust themselves and flap their wings. The optimum size for the optimum size for the outdoor run is 1.9 metres (6 feet) x 2.8 metres (9 feet )

7.46 A suitable balanced feed must be available to hens at all times: laying hens require a calcium supplement and chickens must have access to insoluble grit to aid digestion.

7.47 Fresh water must be provided and changed daily, young birds must be provided with suitable drinkers which prevent them climbing in and drowning

7.48 The cost of any vermin control associated with the keeping of birds will be met by the allotment tenant responsible

7.49 The allotment tenant will be responsible for the removal of all arisings and waste material including material used for bedding from the allotment land

7.50 All bird food is to be kept in a suitable rat proof container

## **8. Improvement Notices**

Where it is deemed necessary by CCS, in the interest of the welfare of any birds kept, to effect improvements to the accommodation or overall keeping of any bird on any allotment plot, then reasonable notice in writing given to the allotment tenant accordingly. ( in the case of urgency immediate rectification may be required )

Such notice will specify the nature of the improvements to be made by the allotment holder.

Failure to comply with such notice will be considered a breach of this agreement and may result in the termination of an allotment tenancy

## **9. Termination**

**Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement can lead to the tenancy of any allotment plot being terminated**

**Cultural and Community Services**

**Allotment poultry Keeping Agreement**

**Please sign and return to :**

The Allotment Administrator

Cultural and Community Services Ltd

Centrespace

Treaty Centre

High Street

Hounslow

TW3 1ES

Allotment site :

Plot Number

Print Name

“I have read, and agree to comply with attached poultry keeping condition”

Signature

Date

## **Cultural and Community Services**

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#### **Additional Information**

Name

Address

Daytime Telephone Number

Allotment Site

Plot Number

Number of birds

Name of Emergency Contact Person

Daytime telephone number Emergency Contact

( Emergency contact or whilst away from area )