

# ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981

## LICENCE TO OPERATE A ZOO

### Part 1 of 2

**Central Bedfordshire Council** being a local authority responsible for licensing zoos under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (“the Act”)

### **Woburn Safari Park**

To operate the premises known as:

**Woburn Park  
Woburn  
Bedfordshire  
MK17 9QN**

Situated within the area of the said authority, subject to the conditions attached to this licence

This licence is issued in accordance with the Act for a period of six years and shall remain in force from **7<sup>th</sup> August 2019** until and including **6<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Re-issue date: **8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Signed: 

Susan Childerhouse. Assistant Director Public Protection & Transport

On behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North,  
Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF

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## Part 2 of 2

### **Licence conditions (required by section 1A of the Act):**

#### **Woburn Safari Park must ensure that the following measures are implemented in the Zoo:**

1. Promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the Zoo and their natural habitats.
2. Accommodating and keeping the animals in a manner which meets the standards set out in the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice (SSSMZP).
3. Preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals.
4. Participate in at least one of the following:
  - a) research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;
  - b) training in relevant conservation skills;
  - c) the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;
  - d) where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity; and
  - e) where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals.

#### **Additional conditions**

##### 5. Escapes

- a) In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the zoo, Woburn Safari Park shall notify Central Bedfordshire Council as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.
- b) In the event of any animal listed in the SSSMZP in Category 1 of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of SSSMZP) escaping from its primary enclosure, Woburn Safari Park shall notify Central Bedfordshire Council as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.