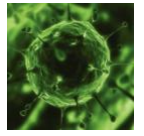


CAMBRIDGE BIRD SALE

BIOSECURITY REQUIREMENTS



[based on: [The General Licence for bird gatherings: EXT 178\(AI\) Captive Birds - updated 05/08/26](#)]

APHA LICENCE CONDITIONS DICTATE THE LICENSEE OF ANY BIRD GATHERING MUST PROVIDE BIOSECURITY ADVICE IN ADVANCE OF SUCH AN EVENT TO ALL PARTICIPANTS THAT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. All birds should be health-checked before travelling to the gathering.
2. You must comply with the mandatory registration requirements for keepers of birds kept at any premises in Great Britain:
 - a) For any bird attending a gathering in England, you must be registered and must provide your CPH number before being granted entry.
 - b) Where the premises of origin is in England or Wales the keeper must be registered with APHA on the [Kept Bird Register](#).
 - c) Where the premises of origin is in Scotland the keeper must be registered on the [Scottish Kept Bird Register](#) operated by APHA.
3. Your display cages must not be *excessively contaminated* with bird droppings or other material of bird origin.
 - *'Excessively contaminated' means contaminated with excessive material of bird origin, more than could reasonably be expected to be produced during the transport of birds to the gathering.*
4. Your birds must not originate from premises or areas which are under restrictions related to confirmation of a notifiable avian disease, including from any temporary disease control zone imposed by Ministers.
Before travelling to the gathering, you should check the [APHA Interactive Avian Influenza Disease Map](#) to confirm that you are not located in a Control Zone.
5. Your birds must not have been in contact with any notifiable avian disease agents and must not show any signs of infection.
6. You must provide a written list of all birds you are bringing in advance of the sale and will not be permitted entry if you do not do so.
7. When you arrive at the event venue your birds must remain isolated from all other birds and mammals on the event site until all such birds have been individually visually inspected by a named bird expert or veterinarian designated by the licensee.
8. Any birds that fail the entry inspection or show any clinical signs of notifiable avian disease during the event, will be reported immediately to APHA. Such birds must then be prevented from participating at the gathering and be kept isolated from other birds until they have been examined by a veterinary inspector and written authority obtained from APHA permitting them to leave the gathering.
9. Cleansing and disinfection facilities (for example hand-washing facilities, disinfectant mats and foot-dips) are available to participants and visitors on site, and participants must adhere to good biosecurity practises.
10. All participants must ensure that they are not visibly contaminated with faecal material, feathers or other material of bird origin and will be refused entry to the bird area until such contamination has been removed.
11. A traceability form will be provided with your table where the number and types of birds going to new premises must be recorded, along with the new owner's details.
12. Birds pre-sold prior to the gathering are not exempt from the biosecurity requirements: all birds must be inspected by our designated bird expert, taken inside the venue and recorded on the traceability forms before going to their new owner.
13. Birds must not be bought, sold or exchanged in the car park or anywhere else outside of the main venue (see also 7. 11. & 12. above).
14. Birds should not have attended any other bird gathering for at least 7 days prior to the sale.
15. Buckets containing [DEFRA approved disinfectant](#) are provided for your wastewater: do not throw your wastewater outside or onto the venue floor.
16. Cages containing birds should not be placed under tables, or anywhere else on the floor of the venue or on the ground outside.
17. All birds should remain in their display cages until an exchange takes place; they should not be displayed free on stands, on top of cages, or taken around the venue perched on the owner.
18. You should use the hand sanitiser provided in between handling birds and should not handle any birds other than your own.
19. This is strictly a bird sale only; no other types of livestock are permitted entry, except for assistance dogs.
20. If a notifiable avian disease is suspected at the gathering, APHA will require all birds, equipment and vehicles used to transport birds, to remain on the site until a veterinary inspector defines conditions for their safe release.
21. If the gathering becomes located in a notifiable avian disease Control Zone while the gathering is taking place, movements of birds, equipment and vehicles used to transport birds off the premises will be restricted and a licence will be required to move them.
22. If you fail to comply with the restrictions in 20. & 21. above, you may be committing a criminal offence, and we would be required to provide the relevant authorities with your details.
23. It is a condition of entry for all events or gatherings, that all participants check their birds for disease prior to departure from the event or gathering.
24. All birds travelling from the gathering to any premises (whether they are returning to premises of origin or to a new location) should be isolated from other birds at that premises and health-monitored for at least one week afterwards.

DEFINITIONS & RESOURCES

- **Notifiable Avian Disease (NAD)**
There are currently two NADs:
[Avian Influenza Virus](#) (AIV) and [Newcastle Disease](#) (ND).
A notifiable disease is one that must be notified by law if it is suspected or diagnosed.
- **CPH number**
County/Parish/Holding number. By law all bird keepers must now have a CPH number within one month of acquiring their first birds. Registration is free and easy and can be done [HERE](#) or by calling APHA on 03000 200 301.
- **Control Zone**
A [notifiable avian disease Control Zone](#) is any of the 1, 3 or 10km zones put around a suspected NAD. For the purposes of bird gatherings, they all mean the same thing: i.e. no movement of birds in or out of them.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ, UNDERSTAND & COMPLY WITH THE BIOSECURITY REQUIREMENTS ABOVE. YOU MUST SIGN A DECLARATION TO THAT EFFECT ON THE DAY, BEFORE YOU OR YOUR BIRDS ARE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE SALE.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in these matters and hope you have a good day.