**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S SERVICES**

**GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING PROSPECTIVE**

**SUPPORTED LODGINGS PROVIDERS**

**DOG ASSESSMENT**

**Initial Assessment**

The following breeds of dog are prohibited as pets by The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991:

**Pit Bull Terrier Dogo Argentine**

**Fila Brasileiro Japanese Towser**

Special caution should also be exercised when assessing households where there is an Alsatian (German Shepherd); Rottweiler or Doberman. Although these breeds are not listed as dangerous in the legislation, they are known to be possessive and potentially aggressive, having been bred as guard dogs. Such dogs can become volatile when confronted with more difficult behaviour.

The size of dog is important, especially where vulnerable Young People are involved. Breeds such as Dalmatian, Great Danes, St Bernard’s and Shei Pei are generally not known to be aggressive, but they can harm a child unintentionally in play. Small dogs however, can be “snappy”, depending on the breed and a particular dog’s temperament.

The safety of the young person is, or course, paramount. It is the responsibility of the dog owner (s) to demonstrate the dog’s ability to cope with children/young people and they have a clear understanding of the issues involved.

It is acknowledged that all dogs have the potential to be dangerous and that children/young people can provoke attacks. Even the most docile of dogs may resent successive children coming into the home demanding the attention they once had. Supported Lodgings Providers must supervise the dogs and at all times to ensure the safety of the child/young people.

A separate questionnaire for each dog in the house should be used.

**DOG OWNER’S QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Note: A separate questionnaire should be completed for each dog.**

Name of Supported Lodgings Provider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of dogs in house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you keep dogs as:

Pet 🖵 Working Dog 🖵 Breeding Dog 🖵 Guard Dog 🖵

*Tick appropriate box*

1. What is the breed of dog? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the gender of the dog? Dog/Bitch
3. What is the size of the dog? Small/Medium/Large
4. Has the dog been neutered? Yes/No
5. What is the age of the dog? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. How long have you had the dog? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Has the dog received any training? Yes/No

*(If yes, please give details of trainer, qualifications and where the training took place).*

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1. Where in the house is the dog allowed?

Kitchen/Living Room/Dining Room/Main Bedroom/Other Bedrooms/Bathroom

Other Rooms \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What area (if any) is exclusive to the dog(s)?

Kennel/Caged Compound/Garden (or part of it)

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the dog’s temperament?

Boisterous 🖵 Usually Placid 🖵

Playful 🖵 Possessive 🖵

Nervous 🖵 Docile 🖵

Submissive 🖵 Obedient 🖵

Disobedient 🖵 Protective of People 🖵

Protective of Property 🖵

1. Where does the dog sleep?

At Night \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ During the Day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the dog allowed on the furniture/beds? Yes/No

If yes, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Where does the dog go to the toilet?

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1. How is waste disposed of?

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1. If you are a breeder of dogs, where does this take place and what happens to the puppies?

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1. Does the dog fight with other dogs? Yes/No
2. Does the dog worry other people visiting the

home or in public? Yes/No

1. Has the dog ever snapped or snarled at anyone?

Yes/No

If yes, please give details \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Has the dog ever bitten anyone?

If yes, please give details of incident and treatment required

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1. Where is the dog normally fed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Where is the dog normally exercised and by whom?

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1. Detail of the contact the dog has had with children, including children staying overnight in the home :

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Signature of prospective Supported Lodgings Provider:

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Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Assessing Worker comments on the dog and the attitude of their owner(s):

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Signature of assessing worker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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