



Invasive Species Policy Statement

Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital

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This internal policy is based on guidance from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in regards to Invasive non-native (alien) animal species: rules in England and Wales, published 26 August 2020.

Order of precedence: in the event of a conflict between this policy and statutory requirements the order of precedence is:

1. UK law pertaining to England and Wales [The Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019 or subsequent amendments]
2. EU law that still applies post-Brexit [EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation 1143/2014].
3. This policy.

In line with all other wildlife centres in England and Wales (and as a statutory requirement) as of December 2019, we are no longer able to admit any animal from any of the species listed in the DEFRA Guidance except for emergency euthanasia.

Some of the more common species are:

- Grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)
- Muntjac deer (*Muntiacus reevesi*)
- Ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)
- Egyptian goose (*Alopochen aegyptiacus*)
- Terrapins (*Trachemys scripta*)

This is due to the Invasive Alien Species Order stated above which allows for the enforcement of the EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation 1143/2014 on the prevention and management of invasive alien plant and animal species in England and Wales, including the relevant licenses, permits and rules for keeping invasive alien species. This means we no longer have licences to legally keep or release/rehome these animals.