

**Veterinary Assessment of Strictly Exotic Premises, 219 Hilltown, Dundee, DD3 7AP  
on 22nd October 2011**

**Reptiles**

A wide variety of reptiles are kept within the premises. In all cases the vivaria or terraria were clean and had suitable heating and ultra-violet lighting where required. All reptiles examined were in good body condition, with no signs of disease. Stocking densities and nutrition were appropriate. All snakes were kept separately and provided with charts recording feeding. Records of sloughs were also kept.

**Amphibians**

All amphibians were appropriately housed. Tanks were clean and provided with suitable heat sources and lighting. All amphibians examined were in good body condition, with no signs of disease. Stocking densities and nutrition were appropriate.

**Invertebrates**

All invertebrates were appropriately housed. Tanks and containers were clean and provided with suitable heat sources and lighting. All invertebrates examined were in good body condition, with no signs of disease. Stocking densities and nutrition were appropriate.

**Equipment**

Vivaria and terraria sold appeared suitable for the species kept in the shop. All the necessary heat provisions, ultra-violet lights, and accessory equipment (thermometers, hygrometers etc) as well as food sources were available for sale. Food sources were suitably kept, including records of sale, purchase and source. All food sources examined appeared hygienically stored and of good quality.

**Staff Training**

Evidence of suitable staff training was available and clearly displayed. Certificates for Legislation and Animal Welfare Studies from Compass Education as well as those from the Aquatic Trade Association were available for inspection. Evidence of recent continuing professional development for staff was also evident.

**Records**

All sales are suitably recorded. Details of reptile/amphibian/invertebrates, their care sheets, equipment (vivaria, heating, lighting etc ) and nutritional sources sold to clients are kept. Records of reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates entering the shop and leaving are also kept. Records of free 30 day pet insurance offered are also retained.

**Summary**

In conclusion, the store known as Strictly Exotic trading at 219 Hilltown, Dundee, on the 22nd of October 2011 appeared well-run, clean and with no evidence of any health or welfare problems concerning their stock. Records charting sales, advice and the health of the stock were suitably maintained.

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