



**National Centre for Reptile Welfare**  
**Animal Rehoming Policy 2018**

## Section A - Species categorisation

All animals entering the NCRW are categorised in order that they may be appropriately rehomed.

### Category A species (suitable for first time keepers)

#### Lizards:

Bearded dragon, *Pogona vitticeps*  
Leopard gecko, *Eublepharis macularius*  
Crested gecko, *Correlophus ciliatus*  
Blue-tongue skink, *Tiliqua* spp.

#### Snakes:

Corn snake, *Pantherophis guttatus*  
King snake, *Lampropeltis getulus*  
Milk snake, *Lampropeltis triangulum*  
Royal python, *Python regius*

#### Chelonia:

Mediterranean tortoises, *Testudo hermanni* & *T. graeca*  
Horsfield's tortoise, *Agrionemys horsfieldii*  
Mud turtle, *Kinosternon subrubrum*  
Musk turtles, *Sternotherus odoratus*

#### Amphibians:

White's tree frog, *Litoria caerulea*  
Fire-bellied toad, *Bombina* spp.  
Axolotl, *Ambystoma mexicanum*

### Category B species (suitable for more experienced keepers)

All species not on schedule A or C

### Category C species (suitable for advanced keepers/zoos etc.)

Pythons and boas capable of exceeding 3.5 meters  
Lizards capable of exceeding 1.2 meters  
Crocodilians  
Venomous snakes & lizards  
Annex A species (excluding Mediterranean tortoises & Madagascar boas)

## Section B – Ensuring suitability of new owner

In order to ensure that animals are rehomed appropriately the NCRW will make every reasonable effort to ensure that:

- The rehomer is aware of the animal(s) expected life span.
- The re-homer is aware of the animal(s) potential risks of harm and nuisance.
- The re-homer aware of the natural habitat and surroundings of the animal(s).
- The re-homer is aware of the feeding, water and dietary requirements of the animal(s).
- The re-homer is aware of the animal(s) potential size [length, weight, strength].
- The rehomer has an appropriate sized enclosure [Vivarium/Terrarium/Faunarium/Tank.
- The rehomer has an appropriate heat source [if needed] with guard [if needed] and thermostat.
- The rehomer has all the necessary lights/substrate/feeding, water dishes as recommended.
- The rehomer's animal accommodation is secure (with lock if needed).
- If UVB lighting is required is the rehomer must be aware of the percentage required and frequency of changing.
- The rehomer is aware of a suitable veterinary practice where the animal(s) can be treated?
- The re-homer is aware of the potential costs that veterinary treatment of the animal(s) may incur.
- The re-homer aware of any specific treatments or medication needed for the animal(s).
- The rehomer accepts that any treatments required (including for pre-existing conditions) are their responsibility.
- The rehomer is aware of any specialised vitamins or supplements required for the animal(s).

## **Section C – New owner undertakings**

The NCRW requires new rehomer's to make the following undertakings:

- That they have not been disqualified from owning or keeping animals or had a deprivation order made under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- That they do not have any unspent conviction for offenses relating to animals.
- That they will not irresponsibly sell or part with any rehomed animal.
- That representatives from the NCRW may visit the animal post-rehome in order to ensure that there are no welfare issues.
- That they will endeavour to be a responsible pet owner and in order ensure that the animal has an acceptable quality of life.

## Section D – Terms and Conditions

- 1.** The NCRW accepts no responsibility as to the description, condition, temperament, behaviour or health of the Animal and provides no warranty, condition, representation or other term of any kind expressed or implied other than such warranties, conditions, representations and terms to the extent to which they can be legally excluded (whether in accordance with the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or any legislation amending or replacing the same, or otherwise).
- 2.** Any information concerning the habits and past history of the animal is passed on by the NCRW to the rehomer in good faith. This may be based on statements made by the previous owner, however, and there is no guarantee of reliability. The NCRW is, therefore, unable to accept liability for any consequences whatever resulting from events attributable to the failure to give information or the transmission of wrong information provided that nothing in these conditions excludes the NCRW's liability for fraud.
- 3.** The rehomer confirms that no person residing in their household is disqualified from keeping animals or has had a deprivation order made under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and/or has an unspent conviction for offences relating to animals.
- 4.** The animal is believed to be in good health on leaving the establishment, except where explicit conditions have been made known to the rehomer in writing. Subject to Condition 1, it is regretted that the NCRW is unable to accept liability for any expense or costs of any kind arising from sickness or injury of any nature developed by the animal (whether or not any known existing conditions or symptoms of the animal were made known to the rehomer prior to this Agreement). The responsibility for any cost of future treatment shall be borne by the rehomer.
- 5.** Attention is drawn to the possible liability of the rehomer for damage and injury which the animal(s) may cause to third parties or their property, in particular, liability arising under the Animals Act 1971. The possibility of an action for nuisance against the rehomer as a result of the animal's behaviour should also be recognised.
- 6.** The NCRW strongly advises the rehomer to arrange appropriate insurance cover against risks referred to in this Agreement and also the costs of veterinary treatment.
- 7.** The rehomer agrees to comply with all relevant regulations, legislation and laws concerning the welfare, control, responsible ownership and protection of animals, including and without limitation, the Animal Welfare Act 2006, the Codes of Practice issued under the Act and those from the FBH issued 2015.

- 8.** The rehomer agrees to meet the welfare needs of the animal, i.e. providing for the animal's health and welfare needs by taking measures to ensure that it is properly housed, fed, watered, socialised (where appropriate) and receives appropriate veterinary care.
- 9.** The rehomer agrees to maintain the records of any microchipped animal.
- 10.** The rehomer agrees not to irresponsibly sell or part with the animal.
- 11.** Subject to condition 1 and 12, the NCRW's maximum liability under, or in connection with this Agreement, shall not exceed any donation made by the rehomer.
- 12.** Nothing in this Agreement shall exclude, or in any way limit, the NCRW's liability for fraud, or for the death or personal injury caused by its negligence or any other liability or consumer rights which it cannot legally exclude or limit.
- 13.** If any provision in this Agreement is found to be unenforceable it shall be deemed deleted and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply. The English Courts will have exclusive jurisdiction over any claim arising from, or related to, this Agreement. English law will apply to this Agreement.