

**ADDITIONAL BYELAWS RELATING TO THE  
HEATHROW ANIMAL RECEPTION CENTRE  
From 1 April 2025**

(2024/25 rates shown in brackets)

**BYELAWS** made by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London acting by the Mayor, Alderman and Commons of the said City in Common Council assembled in pursuance of Sections 42 and 43 of the Markets and Fair Clauses Act 1847 as applied by Section 54 of the Animal Health Act 1981 with respect to the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre, London (“HARC”)

In these Bylaws unless the context otherwise required “the Principal Bylaws” means the byelaws made by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London acting by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the said City in Common Council assembled on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1976 and confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of 12<sup>th</sup> November 1976.

From the date of coming into operation of these Bylaws the Additional Bylaws made by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London acting by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the said City in Common Council assembled on 7 March 2024 (and sealed on 19 August 2024) shall be repealed and the following Schedule shall be substituted for the schedule to the Principal Bylaws:-

**SCHEDULE**

*This schedule sets out the maximum fees that may be charged for the items specified herein. Under Section 36 of the Markets and Fairs Clauses Act 1847 the undertakers may from time to time change the amounts charged provided that any change does not result in a charge exceeding the amounts set out in this Schedule.*

***PART 1***  
**ANIMALS CHARGE PER CONSIGNMENT**

**1.0 Dogs, Cats and Ferrets under the Pet Travel Scheme Non-commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011**

In order to meet the “pre-check” requirements (where applicable) all documentation must be submitted to the HARC no later than 72 hours prior to the animal’s departure.

- a) If a documentation ‘pre-check’ has been completed and approved by HARC, the consignment will be charged at the minimum charge of £203 (£195) for the first 24 hours.
- b) PETS that have NOT received a documentation ‘pre-check’ or arrive against the advice of HARC, will be charged at £279 (£268) for the first 24 hours.

**PETS checked at aircraft (Assistance Animals)**

- c) If a documentation 'pre-check' has been completed and approved by HARC, Assistance Animals will be charged at £250 (£240) plus a 1-hour collection charge of £197 (£189) = £447 (£429) for the first animal.
- d) Assistance Animals that have NOT received a documentation 'pre-check' or arrive against the advice of HARC, will be charged at £514 (£494) for the first animal.
- e) Where any consignment under a) to d) above consists of more than one animal, a fee of £52 (£49) per animal thereafter applies.

**1.1 Dogs, Cats and Ferrets arriving as commercial consignments/under licence.**

- a) £203 (£195) for the first 12 hours.
- b) Where the consignment consists of more than one animal, a fee of £52 (£49) per animal thereafter applies.

**2. Mammals (excluding those listed under point 1.0 and 1.1)** £226 (£205) for the first 12 hours

**3. Birds**

- a) Commercial birds £80 (£73) per box for up to 24 hours £226 (£205) minimum charge
- b) Birds of prey £22 (£20) per bird for up to 24 hours, £226 (£205) minimum charge
- c) Pet birds: £80 (£73) per box for up to 24 hours

**Transit commercial bird consignments should be booked through to have a maximum stay at Heathrow of 24 hours.**

**4. Reptiles and amphibians** £226 (£205) for up to 24 hours

**Transit commercial reptile consignments should be booked through to have a maximum stay at Heathrow of 24 hours.**

**5. Fish/Fish Eggs/Aquatic Invertebrates/Invertebrates/Semen/Bird Eggs** £2.49 (£2.26) per box, £44 (£40) minimum charge.

**6. Horses/Farm livestock/other large species - Use of Large Animal Facility (per pallet)** £484 (£440)

***PART 2***  
**CHARGES FOR ANCILLIARY SERVICES**

7. Processing and handling fee for all shipments. £22 (£22)

8. Collection and delivery of animals and birds to and from the Animal Reception Centre by an Animal Reception Centre member of staff - £197 (£189) per hour or £99 (£95) per consignment if no extra waiting time.

9. Security - A charge of £28 (£25) will be made in respect of any consignment, which requires security screening prior to leaving the ARC.

10. Not on Board - Requests for collection of animals from aircraft, which are subsequently not found on board will be charged at normal collection charge (see Part 2, Section 2).

11. Destruction including disposal of livestock or goods - £55 (£50) per kilogram. Minimum charge £119 (£108). Travelling containers are the owner's property and should be collected with the animal. If they are no longer required, they will be disposed of for a fee of £23 (£22) per box.

12. Cleansing and disinfecting aircraft, animal holding facilities, vehicles, loose boxes etc. - £442 (£402) per hour (including disposal of special waste).

13. Additional boarding of non-commercial dogs, cats and ferrets - £52 (£49) per consignment per 24 hours or part thereof.

14. Additional boarding of commercial dogs, cats and ferrets - £52 (£49) per animal per 12 hours or part thereof.

15. Additional boarding of other mammals - £52 (£49) per consignment per 12 hours or part thereof.

16. Additional boarding of birds - £80 (£73) per box per 24 hours or part thereof.

17. Bird Quarantine £455 - £1,554 (£414-£1,413) for up to 30 days, plus veterinary and laboratory testing fees if applicable.

Fees are dependent on size of consignment and husbandry requirements.

Faecal Sampling and Bird Autopsy costs as per current Animal & Plant Health Agency rates.

18. Additional boarding of reptiles and amphibians - £226 (£205) per consignment per 24 hours or part thereof. Additional hourly handling charge may be applicable.

19. Additional handling functions £103 (£90) per hour for consignments requiring special handling/loading/transfer/repackaging, plus cost of materials.

20. Additional administrative functions including corrective actions and pre-export compliance checks £103 (£99) per hour.

21. Modification of containers to International Air Travel Association (IATA) standards:-

- a) Space Bars/Battens - £55 (£55) per box
- b) Air Holes or water pots - £25 (£25) per box

(If these services are carried out on the airport an additional fee of £99 (£99) applies for 'delivery' of the service).

22. Identification of species for DEFRA/HM Revenue and Customs/Border Force - £184 (£184) per hour.

23. Assisting on off airport operations - £103 (£99) per hour