A black dog silhouette with text

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**PEST CONTROL**

(Reg 9.1 with compliancy to Reg 5.5)

Pests have the potential to contaminate the workplace, spread disease, damage products, foodstuffs and property. If I have a pest problem, it's essential that I put the right provisions in place to protect myself and the dogs.

PESTS can include Rodents, Birds, Insects, especially flies, fleas & ticks.

**RODENTS**

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| (Reg 6.3 & 6.6) Food must be stored away from vermin and in cool and dry places. The food preparation area must be kept clean and free from vermin at all times.  If I have a need to rid my home of Rats/ Mice I will contact my local authority Pest Control Department |

**FLEAS & TICKS**

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| (Reg 9.4, 9.13)  All dogs who board must be receiving monthly flea treatment authorised by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) and prescribed by a qualified Veterinarian. When the owners fill in the dog details and consent form they are asked whether they give Flea & worming medicine and the dates they give this.  Under regulations we cannot accept a dog who is using homeopathic medicines as they are not a VMD authorised product. Some dogs who are allergic to the drops may use a flea collar, but only if this has been prescribed by a qualified vet.  It is the business’ responsibility to check with the owner in advance of any boarding whether the dog has received their monthly drops.  We have a TICK removal tool in our Dog first aid kit.  We are Animal First Aid trained and competent to remove a tick  (5.3) All dogs boarding should have a grooming and health check regime, which is agreed with the owner at meet and greet (see owner permissions) During an inspection if we see fleas, or, lice or ticks, under Animal Welfare we will deal with this immediately.  (Reg 9.1) Adhere to our Clean Procedure. Ensure our property is vacuumed and kept clean and disinfected, daily especially around where a dog sleeps, and in carpeted areas.  Regularly wash bedding, blankets and other washable items at 6O degrees (in the hottest water possible)  (Reg 5.2) Inside areas must be well ventilated to avoid excess humidity. (Humid areas create a perfect environment for Fleas. Humidity is also important for fleas: moisture is needed for the eggs to hatch and for fleas to progress through the life cycle.  Keep our outdoor space tidy, by mowing the lawn, raking up any leaves, grass clippings, bush clippings giving fleas fewer places to hide (information from BPCA: British Pest Control Association)  If there is evidence of external parasites such as fleas, ticks or lice, we will contact the vet for advice.  Dogs must be treated with an appropriate product authorised by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) and licensed for use in the UK. Treatment must be discussed with a vet before giving it to the dog. The owner must consent to this.  Any information must be recorded on the dog’s boarding logs, and information relayed to the owner when they collect their dog.  If our home or premises has become infected with fleas we will vacate the dogs, and any animals from the area, and follow our Cleaning Procedure.  Should the mitigation fail and there is an outbreak of fleas I would follow the current advice given by ([www.BPCA.org.uk](http://www.BPCA.org.uk)) <https://bpca.org.uk/a-z-of-pest-advice/flea-control-how-to-get-rid-of-and-prevent-fleas-bpca-a-z-of-pests/189157> British Pest Control Association)) |