



# Dormouse Training Log

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Dormice are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981 as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Dormouse survey work involving the disturbance and handling of dormice in nest boxes or nest tubes requires a licence from Natural England or the Countryside Council for Wales. To receive a licence you will need references from two people who have held a licence for dormice within the last two years (Wales) or three years (England) for the methods you wish to have on your licence.

This checklist is designed to ensure that the highest standards are maintained and may be used to support your licence application.

All evidence recorded must be conducted to a satisfactory level of competence in the presence of a licence holder where specified.

Each section of this training log should be signed by either one or two dormouse licence holders, as specified in the first column. These people can then act as your referees when you apply for a licence.

The timescales for training will vary greatly depending on the opportunities you have to practice with dormice on surveys and the availability of licence holders to work with you. You should expect to have completed a minimum of at least one survey season and probably two, before completing your licence application although this period may be considerably longer.

It is highly advisable that people wishing to train for a licence attend a Dormouse Ecology and Conservation course. Courses from various providers are listed on the PTES website:

[www.ptes.org/dormousetraining](http://www.ptes.org/dormousetraining)

**Completion of this record in no way obligates any referee to provide you with a reference for Natural England or the Countryside Council for Wales; references remain entirely at the referee's discretion.**

**The granting of Protected Species licences is at the discretion of Natural England and the Countryside Council for Wales and applications may be rejected, or licences revoked at any time.**

See the Natural England and Countryside Council for Wales websites for further details and licence application forms:

<http://www.ccw.gov.uk/landscape--wildlife/habitats--species/species-protection.aspx>

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/regulation/wildlife/licences/applicationforms.aspx>

**Evidence of experience gained:**

Your trainer/s should sign this section once they consider that you have gained sufficient experience in the activities listed.

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>One signature</i>	<b>Dormouse ecology and conservation theory:</b> Attend theory training session <sup>1</sup>		
<i>One signature</i>	<b>Dormouse Survey techniques</b> Attend theory training session <sup>1</sup>		
<i>Two signatures</i>	<b>Dormouse Survey techniques</b> Practical experience (Site and/or replace nest boxes. Site nest tubes)		
<i>One signature</i>	<b>Dormouse Habitat Management</b> (if applicable) <sup>2</sup> Attend theory training session		
<i>One signature</i>	<b>Hazelnuts:</b> Identify nuts opened by dormice, wood mice, bank voles and others		
<i>One signature</i>	<b>Nests:</b> Recognise typical dormouse nest, wood mouse nest and bird nest		
<i>Two signatures</i>	<b>Handling:</b> Demonstrate how to approach a nest box and check for occupancy		

<sup>1</sup> Note that if it is not possible to attend theory training courses it may be possible for you to provide other evidence on your licence application to demonstrate that you have sufficient knowledge.

<sup>2</sup> It is important that Land managers, Rangers and Consultants have a good understanding of habitat requirements and habitat management for dormice as they may be undertaking practical work or advising others. This element of training may not be necessary if you aim to monitor an NDMP site and is not a requirement for a dormouse handling licence.

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>Two signatures</i>	<b>Handling:</b> Demonstrate how to get dormice carefully out of a nest box, including when there is more than one animal present.		
<i>Two signatures</i>	<b>Handling:</b> Identify dormouse age classes and demonstrate appropriate handling techniques for all ages and conditions including active juveniles and torpid individuals		
<i>Two signatures</i>	<b>Handling:</b> Demonstrate how to accurately weigh individual dormice		
<i>Two signatures</i>	<b>Handling:</b> Demonstrate how to return a dormouse to a nest box, including when there are more than one dormouse present		
<i>Two signatures</i>	<b>Sex determination:</b> Demonstrate knowledge and handling experience needed to accurately identify sex of dormice and breeding condition		
<i>One signature</i>	<b>Record keeping:</b> Demonstrate how to fill in all the recording forms in use by the National Dormouse Monitoring Programme		



