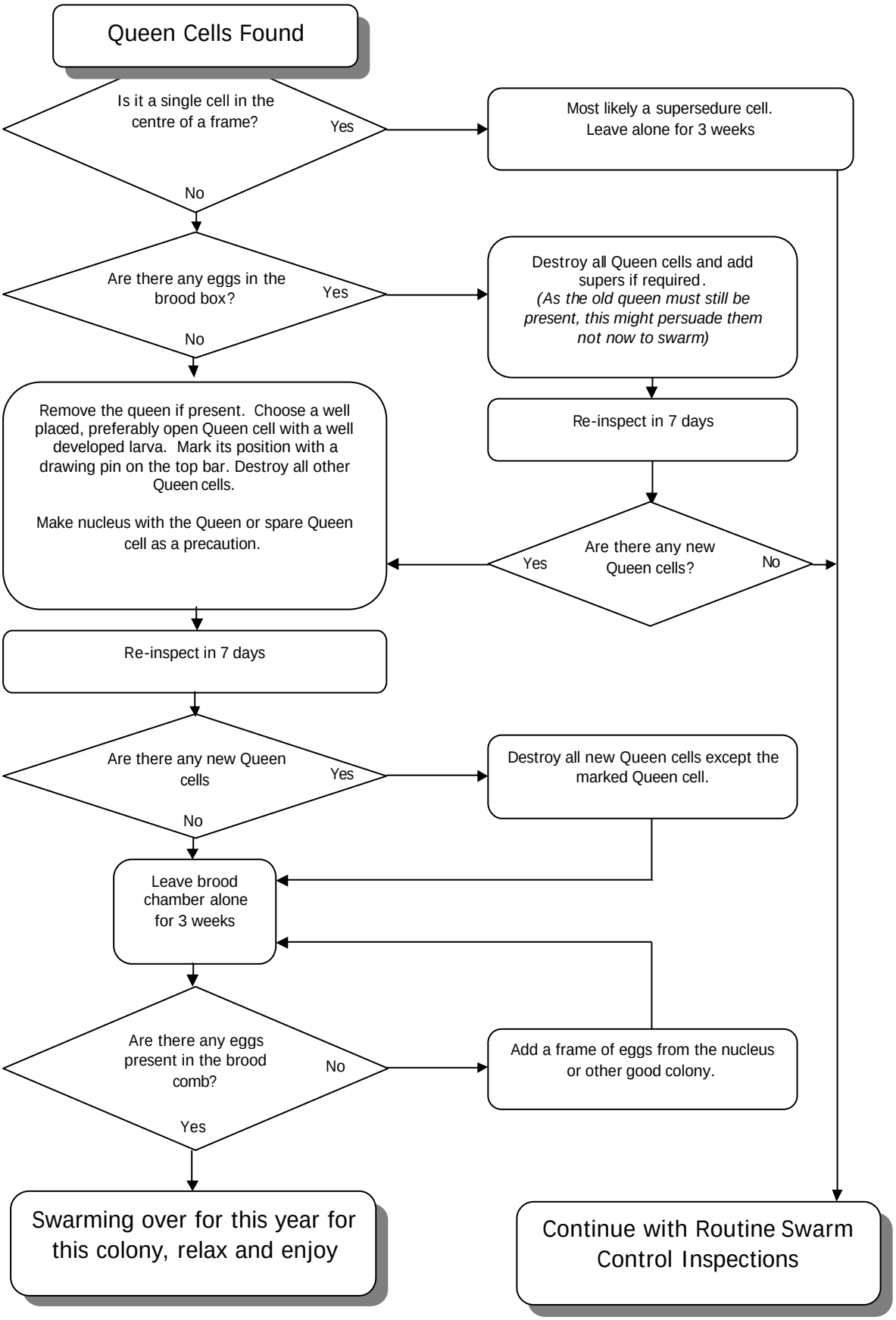
Queen Cells Found
Is it a single cell in the centre of a frame?
Yes
Most likely a supersedure cell. Leave alone for 3 weeks
No
Are there any eggs in the brood box?
Yes
Destroy all Queen cells and add supers if required. (As the old queen must still be present, this might persuade them not now to swarm)
No
Remove the queen if present. Choose a well placed, preferably open Queen cell with a well developed larva. Mark its position with a drawing pin on the top bar. Destroy all other Queen cells.
Make nucleus with the Queen or spare Queen cell as a precaution.
Re-inspect in 7 days
Are there any new Queen cells?
Yes
No
Re-inspect in 7 days
Are there any new Queen cells
Yes
Destroy all new Queen cells except the marked Queen cell.
No
Leave brood chamber alone for 3 weeks
Are there any eggs present in the brood comb?
No
Add a frame of eggs from the nucleus or other good colony.
Yes
Swarming over for this year for this colony, relax and enjoy
Continue with Routine Swarm Control Inspections