

Ranger Services

Conditions of a Licence for an Approved Kennel Establishment - Schedule 5

An application for a licence for an approved kennel establishment shall be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Each dog shall have its own kennel, and each dog shall be kept confined in the kennel, other than in the case of a whelping dog where the offspring of that dog may reside in that dog's kennel for a period of up to 12 weeks;
- (2) Kennels must be constructed inside a kennel building;
- (3) All external gates or doors into a kennel building or an exercise yard must be fitted with self closing and latching mechanisms;
- (4) The external walls of a kennel building must be constructed of opaque durable material;
- (5) The upper surface of the kennel building floor must be kept clean and free of animal waste;
- (6) The roof of each kennel building must be constructed of impervious material;
- (7) The minimum setbacks for a kennel building and yards shall comply with the requirements of the Town Planning Scheme, if setbacks are not specified in the Town Planning Scheme the following applies:
 - (a) Kennel building—
 - (i) Thirty (30) metres from the front boundary of the land;
 - (ii) Ten (10) metres from the rear or a side boundary of the land.
 - (b) Exercise yards shall be—
 - (i) Five (5) metres from any external boundary of the land;
 - (ii) The setbacks for a dwelling and kennel building may be altered by the local government, except the distance determined by clause (b), if the shape of the land, the topography or the water table level makes it desirable to approved a lesser distance.
- (8) A kennel building or exercise yard shall be at least ten (10) metres from any residential dwelling, church, school, hall, factory, dairy or premises where food is manufactured, prepared, packed or stored for human consumption;
- (9) From the floor of the kennel building the lowest internal fixed height of an individual kennel shall be two (2) metres. A removable partition to reduce the fixed height of an individual kennel is permitted, however the minimum height of the partition shall be 1.2 metres from the floor;
- (10) The walls of each kennel must be constructed of durable material;
- (11) Bedding for dogs shall be maintained at a minimum 200 mm above the floor level;
- (12) The minimum size for a kennel for an individual dog is 2.5 square metres;
- (13) All kennel building and kennel floor washings must be drained via pipes to an apparatus approved for the treatment of waste by an authorised environmental health officer;
- (14) All faeces, rubbish, and other waste material shall be disposed of in accordance with the directions of an authorised environmental health officer;

- (15) Each kennel building shall have at least one exercise yard attached that is at least twice the floor area of the kennel building to which it is attached;
- (16) Exercise yards shall be kept securely fenced with wire link mesh, netting or other similar materials;
- (17) All gates into an exercise yard shall be fitted with self closing mechanisms;
- (18) Where a yard is to be paved, the paving surface shall be capable of being maintained consistent with that of the floor inside the kennel building; and
- (19) No permanent structures may be built within an exercise yard;
- (20) Where greyhounds are kept:
 - (a) a perimeter fence with self-locking gates shall be constructed around the kennel building and yards of link mesh or wire netting or other materials approved by the local government;
 - (b) The minimum height of the fence shall be 1.6 metres;
- (21) All external surfaces of kennel building shall be kept in good condition;
- (22) All kennels, yards and drinking vessels shall be maintained in a clean condition;
- (23) Noise, odours, fleas, flies and other vectors of disease shall be effectively controlled;
- (24) Reticulated water shall be available at the kennel building via a securely supported standpipe and hose;
- (25) All food for the kennelled dogs shall be stored in a room within the kennels. The food shall be stored in metal cabinets or refrigerators the underside of which is at least 50 mm above the floor level;
- (26) the licensee or the person nominated in the application for a licence, must, continue to reside—
 - (a) at the premises; or
 - (b) in the opinion of the local government, sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs, and to ensure their health and welfare.