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**Dog Pounds**

**Sec. 22-336-1—22-336-12. Repealed**

Repealed April 26, 1993.

**Standards for the Construction and Improvement of Dog Pounds**

**Sec. 22-336-13. Definitions**

As used in sections 22-336-13 to 22-336-30, inclusive:

(a) “Dog Pound” means a building provided and maintained by a city or town which is used for the detention and care of impounded dogs or other facilities including a licensed veterinary hospital or licensed commercial kennel which, through written agreement with a town, is used for the detention and care of impounded dogs.

(b) “Impounded Dog” means a dog seized by the chief canine control officer, assistant chief canine control officer, canine control officer, regional canine control officer, assistant regional canine control officer or municipal animal control officer for the purpose of detaining the dog, quarantining the dog, or holding a dog under a restraint or disposal order.

(c) “Indoor Pen” means a completely enclosed area inside a dog pound building to be used for shelter by an impounded dog.

(d) “Indoor Run” means an area inside a completely enclosed dog pound to be used for shelter and exercise by an impounded dog.

(e) “Outdoor Run” means an incompletely enclosed area adjacent to a dog pound building to be used for exercise by an impounded dog.

(f) “Renovate” means to change the size, construction or composition of pens, runs, fences, floors, heating system, water supply system, waste disposal system, or any other physical component of dog pound buildings which are governed by these regulations.

(g) “Sanitary” means that which pertains to health, with especial reference to cleanliness and freedom from infective and deleterious influences.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-14. Impoundment requirements**

No dog may be impounded at a dog pound which does not meet the requirements of sections 22-336-13 to 22-336-29, inclusive, of these regulations, subject to the provisions of Section 22-336-30 of these regulations.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-15. Compliance**

All dog pounds in which impounded dogs are kept must comply with sections 22-336-13 to 22-336-29, inclusive, of these regulations, subject to the provisions of Section 22-336-30 of these regulations.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-16. Physical requirements**

(a) Any building to be used as a dog pound shall be constructed in compliance with sections 22-336-13 to 22-336-30, inclusive, of these regulations and maintained in good repair.

(b) The lower portion of interior and exterior walls of a building to be used as a dog pound shall be constructed of concrete or cement block material up to a minimum height of four (4) feet.

(c) All fencing shall be a maximum 1½ inch wire mesh by 11 minimum wire gauge to contain impounded dogs and of a design to prevent injury.

(d) A copy of blueprints detailing the construction of the dog pound facility or renovation of an existing facility shall be submitted to the commissioner at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of construction.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-17. Pens and runs**

(a) Dog pounds shall provide either an indoor run, or an outdoor run and an adjacent indoor pen for each adult dog.

(b) Indoor runs shall measure not less than forty (40) square feet with a minimum width of four (4) feet and a minimum height of six (6) feet. Solid partition dividers shall be provided between each run extending from the floor to a height of at least four (4) feet and shall extend the full length of the run.

(c) Outdoor runs shall measure not less than four (4) feet wide, eight (8) feet long and six (6) feet high with a gate at the end of each run. Solid partition dividers shall be provided between each run extending from the floor to a height of at least four (4) feet and shall extend the full length of the run.

(d) Outdoor runs shall be covered by a permanent roof of suitable material to protect the runs from snow, rain and excessive sunlight and a barrier shall be provided between the top of the runs and the roof structure to prevent the escape of impounded dogs.

(e) Indoor pens shall be adjacent to each outdoor run and shall measure not less than four (4) feet square and at least four (4) feet high. Any indoor run of less than six (6) feet in height must be covered with a maximum of 1½ inch wire mesh by 11 minimum wire gauge chain link fence and shall be kept clear of obstruction to provide for air circulation.

(f) Indoor pens shall be supplied with a solid partition divider extending from the floor to a height of at least four (4) feet.

(g) Doorways between indoor pens and the outdoor runs shall be offset from center to provide adequate space for resting beds to be placed in the indoor pens.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-18. Floors and base of runs**

(a) All dog pounds shall have smooth concrete floors, runs and troughs with a minimum of one-quarter (¼) inch pitch per foot.

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(b) Floors of outdoor runs shall be pitched away from the building in the direction of a trough installed at the end of the run, exterior to the run fencing.

(c) Floors of indoor pens shall be pitched toward a trough installed at the end of the pen, exterior to the pen fencing.

(d) Floors of indoor runs shall be pitched toward a trough which has been made inaccessible to dogs by either covering or placement exterior to the run fencing.

(e) All troughs shall be pitched toward covered drains at least six (6) inches in diameter connected by pipe not less than six (6) inches in diameter to a disposal system approved by the official responsible for local sewage disposal.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-19. Heat and ventilation**

(a) Thermostatically controlled clean and sanitary heat shall be provided to maintain a minimum temperature of fifty-five (55) degrees Fahrenheit at floor level. At no time shall the indoor temperature of the dog pound where dogs are housed exceed ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) The indoor portion of the dog pound where dogs are housed shall be mechanically ventilated in such a manner as will provide fresh air to maintain health and comfort of impounded dogs.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-20. Water supply**

All dog pounds shall be supplied with a sufficient amount of hot running water for the purpose of maintaining proper sanitary conditions. The pound shall also provide a sufficient supply of potable water for impounded dogs.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-21. Lighting**

Electrical lighting shall be provided in all dog pounds, capable of providing a minimum of 30 foot candles. Lighting shall be provided for a minimum of eight (8) hours during each twenty-four (24) hour period.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-22. Sanitation**

(a) The dog pound shall be kept sanitary and cleaned a minimum of once daily.

(b) A disinfectant capable of eliminating canine viruses and bacteria shall be used in washing down runs, pens and interior areas of the dog pound.

(c) Such disinfectants shall be used in such a manner not harmful to dogs.

(d) Runs and pens shall be cleaned and disinfected before use by another dog.

(e) Feces and other excreta shall be removed from pens, runs and troughs daily.

(f) Equipment shall be available for the proper storage or disposal of waste material to

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control vermin, insects and obnoxious odors.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-23. Food and water containers**

Galvanized or stainless steel food and water containers shall be provided and kept clean and sanitary at all times. Food and water containers shall be washed and disinfected daily and before use by another dog.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-24. Storage of dog food**

Dog food in original packaging shall be stored at least twelve (12) inches above the floor on clean racks, dollies or other clean surfaces, in such a manner as to protect from splash and other contamination. Unsealed bags of dog food shall be stored in covered metal or covered heavy duty plastic containers at least twelve (12) inches above the floor on clean racks, dollies or other clean surfaces, in such a manner as to protect from splash and other contamination.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-25. Removal of dead dogs**

Any dead dog shall be immediately removed from the dog pound area. A dead dog shall be preserved in a properly operating refrigerator at a temperature of not more than forty (40) degrees fahrenheit or freezer at a temperature of not more than thirty-two (32) degrees fahrenheit until such time as the dog is transferred for purposes of diagnostic testing or disposed of by cremation or burial.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-26. Isolation area**

At least one (1) isolation area shall be provided for each ten indoor runs or outdoor runs with adjacent indoor pens. An isolation area must consist of an indoor run or an outdoor run with an indoor pen. Such isolation areas shall only be used by dogs quarantined pursuant to Sections 22-358 or 22-359 C.G.S.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-27. Quarantined dogs**

Impounded dogs quarantined pursuant to Sections 22-358 or 22-359 C.G.S., must be kept in an isolation area. Only one (1) dog shall be kept in each isolation area.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-28. Animal care**

(a) Water shall be provided for dogs at all times. Adult dogs shall be fed at least once per day. Dogs under the age of six (6) months shall be fed at least two (2) times per day.

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(b) Dogs shall be fed the type and quantity of food as directed by the manufacturers' label.

(c) Any dog which appears sick or injured shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian.

(d) A water impervious removable resting bed shall be provided for each impounded dog. Not more than one adult dog shall be kept in each indoor run or outdoor run with adjacent indoor pen.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-29. Transportation**

All dogs transported by municipal animal control officers shall be transported in an enclosed vehicle. Vehicles used to transport dogs shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to prevent injury to dogs carried therein.

(Effective April 26, 1993)

**Sec. 22-336-30. Grandfather clause**

(a) The requirements of Sections 22-336-17 (b), 22-336-17 (c), 22-336-17 (d) and 22-336-17 (e) of these regulations concerning minimum measurements for the size of runs and pens, and the requirements of Section 22-336-18 of these regulations do not apply to dog pounds which are completely constructed prior to the effective date of these regulations. All other requirements of sections 22-336-13 to 22-336-29, inclusive, of these regulations including the provisions of Sections 22-336-17 (a), 22-336-17 (d) and 22-336-17 (g) shall apply to such dog pounds.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 22-336-30 (a) of these regulations, any renovations to the size, construction or composition of pens, runs, fences, floors, heating system, water supply system, waste disposal system, or any other physical component of dog pound buildings completely constructed prior to the effective date of these regulations must conform with the appropriate requirements of sections 22-336-13 to 22-336-29, inclusive, of these regulations.

(Effective April 26, 1993)