

ANIMAL SERVICES FACILITIES REGULATIONS

Reference: Ordinance #1419

1. Hobby Kennels – Requirements.

(a) All open run areas shall be completely surrounded by a six-foot fence set back at least 20 feet from all property lines. For purposes of this section “open run area” means that area, within the property lines of the premises on which the hobby kennel is to be maintained, where the dogs and cats are sheltered and maintained.

(b) No commercial signs or other appearances advertising the hobby kennel are permitted on the property except for the sale of the allowable offspring set forth in this section, or otherwise allowable under the city sign code as codified in Chapter 15.16 of the Westport Municipal Code.

(c) The city may require setback, additional setback, fencing, screening or soundproofing as is deemed necessary to insure the compatibility of the hobby kennel with the surrounding neighborhood. Factors to be considered in determining such compatibility are:

(i) Statement regarding approval or disapproval of surrounding neighbors relative to maintenance of a hobby kennel at the address applied for;

(ii) Past history of animal control complaints relating to the dogs and cats of the applicant at the address for which the hobby kennel is applied for;

(iii) Facility specifications and dimensions in which the dogs and cats are to be maintained;

(iv) Animal size, type and characteristics of breed;

(v) The zoning classification of the premises on which the hobby kennel is maintained.

(d) The hobby kennel shall limit dog and cat reproduction to no more than one litter per license year per female dog and two litters per license year per female cat;

(e) Each dog and cat in the hobby kennel shall have current and proper immunization from disease according to the dog’s and cat’s species and age. Such shall consist of DHLPP inoculation for dogs over three months of age and FVRCP for cats over two months of age and rabies inoculations for all dogs and cats over six months of age.

2. Pet shops, animal shelters and veterinary hospitals - Conditions.

(1) General Conditions.

(a) Animal housing facilities shall be provided the animals and shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair; shall be designed so as to protect the animals from injury and restrict the entrance of other animals.

(b) Each animal housed in any animal shelter, pet shop or veterinary hospital or enclosure therein shall be provided with adequate floor space to allow each animal to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable normal position.

(c) Electrical power shall be supplied in conformance with applicable electrical codes adequate to supply heating, cooling and lighting as may be required.

(d) Water shall be supplied at sufficient pressure and quantity to clean indoor housing facilities and enclosures of debris and excreta.

(e) Suitable food and bedding shall be provided and stored in facilities adequate to provide protection against infestation or contamination by insects or rodents. Refrigeration shall be provided for the protection of perishable foods. Provision shall be made for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals and debris. Disposal facilities shall be provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards.

(f) Washroom facilities, including sinks and toilets, with hot and cold water, shall be conveniently available to maintain cleanliness among animal caretakers and for the purpose of washing utensils and equipment.

(2) Maintenance and Operation of Pet Shops.

(a) All establishments shall have a minimum of 400 square feet of retail sales/display area open to the public during normal business hours.

(a) Sick, diseased or injured animals shall be separated from those appearing healthy and normal and if for sale, shall be removed from display and sale and kept in isolation quarters with adequate ventilation to keep from contaminating well animals.

(b) There shall be an employee on duty at all times during hours any establishment is open whose responsibility shall be the care and supervision of the animals held for sale or display in that establishment.

(c) An employee, keeper or owner shall make provision to feed, water and do the necessary cleaning of animals on days the establishment is closed.

(d) No person, persons, association, firm or corporation shall misrepresent an animal to a consumer in any way.

(e) No person, persons, association, firm or corporation shall knowingly sell a sick or injured animal.

(f) Animals which are caged, closely confined or restrained shall be permitted daily, and for an appropriate length of time, as determined by their size, age and species, to exercise in a yard or area suitable for that purpose.

3. Grooming parlors – Conditions.

Grooming parlors shall:

- (1) Not board animals, but keep said animals for a reasonable time in order to perform the business of grooming;
- (2) Keep each animal in an individual cage;
- (3) Not permit animals therein kept for the direct purpose of grooming to have contact with other animals kept therein;
- (4) Sanitize all equipment after each animal has been groomed;
- (5) Not prescribe treatment or medicine that is in the province of a licensed veterinarian as provided in RCW 18.92.010;
- (6) Not leave animals unattended during the drying process;
- (7) Take reasonable precautions to prevent injury from occurring to any animals while in the custody of said parlor;
- (8) Remove animal waste.

