

KENNEL REGULATIONS

Under the provisions of the Santa Cruz County Code, the following regulations will govern construction and operation of kennels.

Information to be submitted

The following information is to be submitted to the Environmental Health Service prior to issuance of a kennel permit:

1. Copy of County Planning Commission land use permit.
2. Plot plan of kennel site drawn to scale or with dimensions showing location of all buildings on kennel site and the immediate abutting properties.
3. Location of source of water if not from a public system.
4. Location and size of sewage disposal system (septic tank and drainage area) if not connected to a sanitary sewer system.
5. Permit application (County Code Chapter 6.16).

Structural Requirements

1. The kennel or kennel runways shall be at least 75 feet from any residence (Zoning Ordinance, Section 13.10.642 b).
2. The premises where the kennel is maintained shall be entirely enclosed by a non-transparent fence of a minimum of 6 feet in height. (Zoning Ordinance Section 13.10.642 a).
3. The floor of the kennel shall be constructed of material such as concrete, epoxy or similar material.
4. The walls of the kennel shall be made waterproof with material such as formica, tile, etc. to a height of not less than 2 feet above the floor.
5. The junction of the walls and floor shall be provided with a waterproof coving.
6. The kennel runways shall be constructed in such a manner and of such material as to facilitate daily cleaning.
7. All construction shall be done in conformance with the Santa Cruz County Building Code including construction permits.

Maintenance Requirements - (Zoning Ordinance Section 13.10.642 c)

1. The kennel, pens, runways and other areas used for housing animals shall be cleaned daily of all animal waste, garbage and other refuse.
2. All solid waste material shall be stored in metal containers with tight-fitting lids and shall be removed from the premises and properly disposed of at least weekly.
3. All wastewater from the kennels, runways and other facilities shall be disposed of by means of a connection to a sanitary sewer or into an approved septic tank system.
4. Insecticidal sprays and disinfectants shall be used to control fly accumulations, the spread of disease, and offensive odor.
5. Food shall be stored in metal containers with tight-fitting lids to prevent rodent infestation.
6. A continuous rodent control program shall be maintained.

Other Requirements

1. Santa Cruz County Code stipulates that all dogs over the age of 4 months shall be vaccinated against rabies and licensed.