



Standards for Kennels and Catteries

- I. **Definitions:** The definitions used in these standards shall be the same as those in Section 8 of the Riverside Municipal Code.
- II. **Standards for all Residential Kennels and Catteries**
 - A. All residential kennels and catteries shall comply with all statutes, ordinance, rules and regulations applicable thereto.
 - B. All dogs which will be contained within a residential kennel, must be licensed with the City of Riverside.
 - C. If housing facilities for animals must be constructed, the facilities must be equipped and maintained so as to continuously provide a healthful, safe and sanitary environment for the animals which are kept therein. Interior walls of housing areas shall be constructed of an impervious material that can be washed and sanitized.
 - D. All residential kennels and catteries shall provide adequate shelter from the elements and sufficient exercise space for all of the animals maintained therein.
 - E. Water for drinking shall be available to the animals at all times.
 - F. A suitable and sufficient supply of appropriate food for the animals shall be maintained on hand and provided at appropriate intervals.
 - G. Animal food shall be stored under sanitary conditions and food and water receptacles shall be in a closed container and made of a material which can be easily cleaned and disinfected. If outside, food shall be stored in airtight containers.
 - H. Residential kennel and cattery facilities shall be adequately ventilated at all times to provide for the health and comfort of the animals.
 - I. Fresh air shall be provided by means of windows, doors, vents, or air conditioning and kennels and catteries shall be so ventilated as to minimize drafts, odors, and condensation of moisture.

- J. Auxiliary ventilation such as fans or air conditioning or similar cooling devices shall be provided when deemed necessary by Animal Control.
- K. Heating shall be provided when deemed necessary by Animal Control.
- L. Resident shall have the ability to wash down animal waste as needed, so long as the waste is confined within the premises. This shall be done often enough each day as to prevent the build up of noxious odors. All runoff which contains animal waste must be maintained within the confines of the premises. All areas wherein water is utilized as a method for the cleaning of animal shall be connected to an appropriate disposal system. No animal waste shall be permitted to run in the storm drains.
- M. The overall residential kennel and cattery premises shall be kept free of trash, waste and debris of any kind.
- N. Dogs shall not be housed or maintained (crate, kennel, etc.) in any area which is less than twenty (20) feet from any property line, except that where an outbuilding is located on the kennel premises within 20 feet from any property line, any number of dogs may be taken into said outbuilding for temporary periods. As used in this subsection, the term "outbuilding" shall also include a barn or garage. Animals may reside in an outbuilding as long as they do not become a noise nuisance.
- O. The residential kennel shall be enclosed by a perimeter fence secure, and erected for the purpose of containment; such fencing shall be of such height and material, and shall comply with all applicable building laws, ordinances, codes and regulations.
- P. A live-in caretaker is required at all times.