

M. Dog and Cat Care Facilities

1. Dog and cat care facilities are permitted after site plan approval by the Commission in General Commercial, Restricted Industrial and General Industrial Zones.
2. Dog and cat care facilities are permitted after special exception and site plan review and approval by the Commission in Central Commercial Zones.
3. A site plan shall be submitted with each application showing drop off and pick up areas, staff and customer parking.
4. Each facility approved under this section shall provide a minimum of seventy (70) square feet of floor area for each dog, exclusive of office and support areas, and in no case shall there be more than thirty (30) dogs and/or cats permitted in any facility at any one time.
5. No unlicensed dogs shall be accepted into the facility.
6. Overnight boarding of dogs and/or cats may be permitted by special exception in any facility approved under this Section only in compliance with the standards contained in the following subsections a through j.
 - a. No more than (8) dogs and/or cats will remain on property between 8pm & 6am.
 - b. No such dog(s) shall be brought outdoors in numbers greater than one (1) between the hours of 8pm & 6am.
 - c. No dog or cat will be left unattended more than 10 consecutive hours.
 - d. Audio & Visual Monitoring will be required for all overnight guests.
 - e. No such dog and/or cat shall be boarded unless enrolled in the facilities existing day care or grooming program, and have passed a temperament evaluation.
 - f. All pets must be kenneled between 8pm & 6am. No cage free boarding permitted.
 - g. Nightly on call staff & emergency preparedness plan must be in place.
 - h. No dog and/or cat shall be permitted for extended stays exceeding 14 days.
 - i. No facility shall be used for the quarantine of animals.
 - j. No such use shall occupy more than twenty five percent (25%) of approved facility area.
7. All dogs and or/cats are to be housed indoors.
8. Hours of operation are limited to 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
9. The dog and/or cat care facility must meet requirements set forth by The State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture, which is the licensing authority.
10. A detailed waste management plan shall be submitted with the application. Such plan shall take into consideration the disposal of solid waste and storm water impacts.
11. The facility will not breed or sell any dogs or cats.
12. The facility may permit indoor training, overnight boarding and grooming as additional services.