

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

Kennel Regulation Bylaw 554

WHEREAS under the provisions of Section 703 of the Local Government Act, Council may by, bylaw regulate or prohibit kennels or other places for the keeping, training, care, breeding, treatment, hospitalization or boarding of dogs.

NOW THEREFORE, THE Board of the Sunshine Coast Regional District in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

CITATION

This by-law may be cited for all purposes as the “Sunshine Coast Regional District Kennel Regulation Bylaw No. 554, 2006.”

DEFINITIONS

“kennel” means the use of land, building or structure, which may contain pens or cages for boarding, breeding, providing care, or training of more than three (3) dogs, either commercially or not-for-profit, and where dogs bred on the same parcel and pet supplies may be made available for auxiliary sale within a floor area not exceeding sixteen (16) square metres.

“breeding” means the process of mating dogs to produce, by deliberate selection, offspring for the purposes of sale or remuneration.

“dog” means both male and female of the canine species, over the age of three months.

“impervious” means through which water will not pass.

“vermin” shall include fleas, lice, worms and other parasitic insects or animals.

“rodents” shall include rats and mice.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. All kennels shall comply with Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 310, 1987, as amended from time to time, and Sunshine Coast Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw 337, 1990 as amended from time to time.
2. All kennels shall be operated in such a manner as not to create a nuisance to anyone occupying property in the vicinity.
3. No person shall own, keep harbour or have in their possession any dog unless a licence has been obtained pursuant to the terms of the Sunshine Coast Regional

District Dog Regulations and Impounding Bylaw 376, 1984, as amended from time to time.

4. Every owner or operator of a kennel shall:
 - (a) provide each dog with clean, potable drinking water at all times and suitable food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth and maintenance of normal body weight;
 - (b) ensure that food and water receptacles are kept clean and disinfected and located so as to avoid contamination by urine or other excrement;
 - (c) provide the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health, including the opportunity to be unfettered from a fixed area and exercised regularly for not less than two, 30 minute periods each day under appropriate control;
 - (d) provide the necessary veterinary medical care when a dog exhibits signs of pain, illness or suffering;
 - (e) provide each dog with clean and dry bedding material,
 - (f) ensure that the kennel be kept free of urine and other excrement and be kept regularly disinfected and free of offensive odours, and free from vermin and rodents,
 - (g) not permit or cause a dog to be unattended in an exterior run in a kennel between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
 - (h) not permit any dog to cry, bark, yelp or howl in a manner that disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest or enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood, or of persons in the vicinity.
 - (i) consult with an acoustic engineer at the time of construction and development and at the time of any physical alteration or increase in size of a kennel or its operation;
 - (j) provide proof of compliance with paragraph (i):
 - (a) to the Dog Control Officer; and
 - (b) to the Chief Building Inspector upon application for any building permit.
5. It is the responsibility of every owner or operator of a kennel to dispose of dog excrement in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Management Act and in a manner that does not cause a nuisance.

6. The outside perimeter of all areas of a kennel where animals are kept shall be enclosed by a solid fence at least 2.0 metres in height, constructed of wood, masonry, stone, or concrete.
7. All buildings and runs shall be kept in good repair at all times.
8. Kennels shall at all times be under the direct control of a responsible adult.
9. Every building or part thereof used as or for a kennel, shall comply with the following regulations and requirements, namely that each such building:
 - (a) Shall have a ceiling height of not less than 8 feet measured perpendicularly from floor to ceiling.
 - (b) Shall have floors constructed of a material that is impervious and readily cleansed such as treated concrete.
 - (c) Shall have natural light introduced by means of windows or skylights or combination thereof, the total area which shall be equal to not less than ten (10) percent of the total interior floor area.
 - (d) Shall be equipped with a heating system capable of maintaining an indoor temperature of not less than sixteen (16) degrees Celcius.
 - (e) Shall be equipped with a ventilation system capable of providing interior air changes with exterior air of not less than five (5) changes per hour.
 - (f) Shall have an open-air run of not less than two hundred square feet which open-air run shall be completely and sufficiently fenced.
 - (g) Shall, for the purposes of soundproofing, have interior walls and ceilings constructed of or containing 5.5" insulation or its equivalent or better as may be recommended by an acoustic engineer.

INSPECTION OF PREMISES

12. The Dog Control Officer, Building Inspector or Bylaw Compliance Officer of the Sunshine Coast Regional District or any Peace Officer is hereby authorised and empowered to enter at all reasonable times upon any property to ascertain and ensure that the provisions of this Bylaw are being complied with.

PENALTY

13. Any person who violate any provision of the Bylaw, or who suffers or permits anything to be done in violation of the Bylaw, is guilty of an offence and shall, upon

summary conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty not exceeding the maximum provided under the Offence Act, and not less than fifty (\$50.00).

SEVERABILITY

14. The provisions of this bylaw are severable and the invalidity of any part of this bylaw shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this bylaw.

PART C - ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME	this	9 th	day of MARCH, 2006.
READ A SECOND TIME	this	9 th	day of MARCH, 2006.
READ A THIRD TIME	this	9 th	day of MARCH, 2006.
ADOPTED	this	9 th	day of MARCH, 2006.

CORPORATE OFFICER

CHAIR