

**MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE**

**CHAPTER XI**

**ANIMALS**

**SECTION 2**

**KENNELS AND PET SHOPS  
VETERINARY CLINICS AND HOSPITALS**

**REGULATION 1. Definitions**

- a. "Animal" means any warm blooded mammal, reptile, amphibian, or bird that is capable of being a carrier of zoonotic diseases. This definition does not include fish and insects.
- b. "Animal Shelter" means a facility that is used to house or contain stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals, and that is owned, operated or maintained by a public body, an established humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit organization devoted to the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals.
- c. "Kennel" means an enclosed, controlled area, inaccessible to other animals, in which a person keeps, harbors or maintains five or more dogs under controlled conditions.
- d. "Pet shop" means a commercial establishment at which any animal is given away, kept for sale, bathed, groomed, or treated for vermin.
- e. "Veterinary clinic" means any establishment operated by a licensed veterinarian to provide dental, medical, or surgical treatment, and care, including grooming, for animals on an outpatient basis.
- f. "Veterinary hospital" means any establishment operated by a licensed veterinarian providing clinical facilities and housing animals for dental, medical, or surgical treatment. A veterinary hospital may have adjacent to or in conjunction with it or as an integral part of it, pens, stalls, cages or kennels for quarantine, observation or boarding.
- g. "Zoonotic Disease" A disease communicable from animals to humans under natural conditions.

## **REGULATION 2. Plans and Permits**

- a. No pet shop shall be constructed, nor shall any major alteration or addition be made thereto, until detailed plans and specifications for the premises have been submitted to and approved by the Department; nor shall any construction, alteration or addition be made excepting in accordance with approved plans and specifications. The owner, operator, or his authorized agent shall certify in writing that the plan documents comply with these regulations.
- b. Construction shall conform to approved plans. Changes in construction; deletion or addition of equipment will require prior approval.

## **REGULATION 3. Permit Required**

No person shall operate a pet shop without a valid permit to do so from the Department or otherwise than in compliance with the applicable regulation in this Code. The permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. This Code shall not apply to Animal Shelters and Kennels.

## **REGULATION 4. Walls and Ceilings**

Walls and ceilings of areas in which animals are bathed or groomed, and in toilet rooms shall be finished in a light color and shall have smooth, easily cleanable surfaces.

## **REGULATION 5. Floors**

- a. Interior floors shall be of impervious construction where they are subject to flooding, spillage, or other conditions of hard use, such as in bathing, grooming, toilet rooms and all areas in which animals are kept.
- b. Carpeting, where permitted, shall be of closely woven construction, easily cleanable and maintained clean and in good repair. Carpeting is prohibited in bathing, grooming, toilet rooms and all areas in which animals are kept. In areas where birds are on perches, floors shall be of impervious construction. No carpeting shall be allowed within 18 inches of the outer end of the perch.

## **REGULATION 6. Light and Ventilation**

The premises where animals are kept shall be ventilated to the external air by forced draft ventilation, screened doors or windows, and adequately lighted. At least 20 foot candles of light shall be provided in all bathing, grooming and toilet areas. At least 10 foot

candles shall be provided in all other areas.

#### **REGULATION 7. Toilet Facilities and Hand Washing Facilities**

Adequate and convenient toilet facilities, approved by the Department, shall be provided for employees. All toilet rooms shall have smooth and easily cleanable walls and ceilings, adequate ventilation to the outside air. Hand wash facilities shall be located in or immediately adjacent to the toilet room. Each lavatory shall be provided with hot and cold water tempered by means of a mixing valve or combination faucet. Any selfclosing, slow closing, or metering faucet used shall be designed to provide a flow of water for at least 15 seconds without the need to reactivate the faucet.

#### **REGULATION 8. Sinks and Drainage**

A properly plumbed, sewer connected sink having an adequate supply of hot and cold water readily accessible to the portions of the premises in which animals are kept, shall be provided. A separate mop/utility sink shall be required for maintenance and cleaning functions.

#### **REGULATION 9. Animal Housing**

- a. Pet shop cages in which animals are kept shall be constructed of durable material which may be readily cleaned and disinfected with approved solutions, with live steam, or by other approved means. Cages shall be designed and constructed so that all their parts are easily cleanable. In pet shops, each dog and cat over four months of age shall be kept in an individual cage, and at no time shall there be any commingling of animals which have different owners.
- b. Sick animals shall be isolated in rooms or cages separate from healthy animals.
- c. Birds shall be housed at least 12 inches above the floor.

#### **REGULATION 10. Maintenance**

The premises, implements, cages and appurtenances shall be kept clean, sanitary, free of animal parasites, or other health hazards.

#### **REGULATION 11. Limitation**

- a. No portion of a pet shop, kennel or veterinary hospital in which animals are kept shall be used for human habitation.

- b. Food for human consumption shall not be prepared or served in the same room in which animals are kept.

**REGULATION 12. Method of Disposal**

All putrescible material, garbage, excreta, refuse, and dead animals shall be stored in durable fly-tight containers and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this Code governing the storage and disposal of refuse and other objectionable wastes. All such material shall be removed from the property at least twice weekly in an approved manner.

**REGULATION 13. Records**

- a. Pet shops shall keep records in which an entry shall be made immediately of every animal purchased, sold, boarded or kept on the premises, showing origin, for whom the animal was boarded and kept, including the age, sex and breed, where applicable. The required records shall be legibly written in English and such records shall be available for inspection by the Environmental Health Officer. All such required records shall be kept for at least 2 years.
- b. Veterinary clinics and hospitals shall keep a record book or record card for each animal admitted, with an accurate description of the animal, treatment (dental, medical or surgical) including diagnosis if possible, vaccinations (including rabies), and dates of admission and discharge. Incidence of disease known or suspected to be communicable to man shall be reported to the Environmental Health Officer.

**REGULATION 14. Veterinarians**

These regulations shall not be used to interfere with a licensed veterinarian in the practice of their profession but such veterinarian shall comply with the sanitation provision of this Code.