

Attention Prospective Kennel Owner;

Please find enclosed a copy of [By-law # 47/2019](#) relating to dogs and licencing of kennels. Also included for your review is a copy of the of the “Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations” as amended 2018 produced by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.

Please see the following ***KEY*** sections of the By-law when considering starting a kennel in the Township of Wellesley. The By-law is more detailed and should be referred to for additional specifications:

1. A non-refundable fee of \$500.00 is required for a new kennel application. (8.5a)
2. A detailed site plan and kennel plan (drawn to scale) must accompany the application submission. (8.2)
3. Operator of the kennel must own the property where such kennel is located. (8.21)
4. Kennel owner/operator shall reside on the kennel property. (17.8)
5. The maximum number of dogs in a kennel is 35. (8.8(c))
6. No kennel shall be within 150 metres of any habitable building, livestock building or road allowance except buildings of the owner. (8.17)
7. The kennel building shall have walls and floors made of concrete or other impermeable materials. (9.1(b))
8. NO wire floors. (9.1(b))
9. The floor of the kennel shall be self-draining. (9.1(c))
10. Yards shall be enclosed with required fencing. (9.1(d))
11. Adequate light, ventilation and heat are required to maintain a healthy environment. (9.1(f))
12. Shaded open airs runs, properly fenced with adequate space to accommodate the breed housed. (9.1(g))
13. All Breeding Kennels shall provide sufficient designated space for the proper enrichment and socialization of puppies to be offered for sale. (10.4)
14. Every kennel shall have separate whelping accommodations. (10.1)

15. Minimum individual pen space per dog: (9.1(h))

Less than 12 kg -	1.0 sq.m. per dog
12-30 kg –	2.0 sq.m. per dog
31-50 kg –	2.5 sq.m. per dog
Over 50 kg –	sufficient space for the animal to stretch or stand to its full body height and full body length (Min. 2.5 sq.m. per dog)

16. Only purebred/registered/recognized breed dogs shall be utilized to start a kennel. (8.8(b))

17. Audible smoke and CO alarms are required in each kennel for your dogs safety. (sec.9 (i))

18. Fire extinguishers are required in your kennels. (sec.9(j))

19. ***Dogs can NOT breed before one (1) year of age and must be retired at eight (8) years of age. Dogs, after they reach six (6) years of age must have a letter from a qualified veterinarian stating they are in good health and breeding is not a danger to their health.*** (10.6)

20. Only one kennel allowed per property. (8.16)

21. The whelping pens require an outdoor run. (10.5)

22. All puppies are to be micro-chipped and the number recorded when sold. The records will be checked during inspections. (17.2)

23. All new adult dogs entering a kennel must have a qualifies veterinarian’s letter stating that the dog is healthy (17.3)

24. Upon retiring a dog, the medical history of the dog shall be given to the prospective buyer /adopter.

25. The kennel operator must develop a succession plan for each dog. What will you do with the dog when they reach eight (8) years of age? Sec.9(k)

26. Provide all paperwork at each inspection, including: (12.1)
 - a) when a dog is brought into the kennel,
 - b) all records of vaccinations for puppies and adult dogs,
 - c) sales/adoption records of all dogs (pups and adults)

27. The Animal Control Officer may, at any reasonable time, enter onto and inspect the kennel and its records for the purpose of administering and enforcing the Kennel By-law.

Please familiarize yourself with the complete By-law.

References:

1. [Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations](#) (2018) is an overview of best practices for kennel owners. This document forms part of the application package for kennels.
2. www.ckc.ca
3. www.canadaguidetodogs.com
4. [Animal Pedigree Act \(Canada\)](#)

Numerous other websites can be found on the internet to provide assistance when considering/operating a kennel.

I appreciate your continued efforts to ensure the highest quality of care for your dogs.

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