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**PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR CANINE HEALTH BOARD STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL KENNELS
FLOORING IN PRIMARY ENCLOSURES OF CLASS C KENNELS FOR PREGNANT & NURSING MOTHERS**

(e) Nursing mothers. (1) Primary enclosures housing dogs with nursing litters or housing dams or foster dams with puppies regardless of age, shall each contain a whelping box with a solid floor and shall also be constructed so that the floor of the primary enclosure (a) is strong enough so that it does not sag or bend between the structural supports, (b) shall not be able to be destroyed through digging or chewing by the dogs housed in the primary enclosure, (c) shall not permit the feet of any dog housed in the primary enclosure to pass through any opening, (d) shall not be metal strand whether or not it is coated, (e) shall allow for moderate drainage of fluids, (f) shall not be sloped more than 0.25 inches per foot, and (g) if slatted, shall be flat with each slat level with the one next to it and no less than 3.5 inches in width, with spaces that are no more than 0.5 inch in width and which spaces between the slats run the length or the width of the floor, but not both. 3 P.S. Sec. 459-207(i)(3).

(2) Primary enclosures described in (e)(1) must be cleaned of excreta, feces, hair, dirt, debris and food waste at least daily or more often, if necessary, to prevent an accumulation of excreta, feces, hair, dirt, debris and food waste to prevent soiling of dogs contained in the primary enclosures and to reduce disease hazards, insects, pests and odors. 3 P.S. 459-207(h)(14)

(3) Primary enclosures described in (e)(1) must also be sanitized at least once every two weeks using one of the following methods and more often, if necessary to prevent an accumulation of excreta, feces, hair, dirt, debris, food waste and other disease hazards: (a) live steam under pressure, (b) washing with water with a temperature of at least 180 degrees F and soap or detergent, as with a mechanical cage washer, (c) washing all soiled surfaces with appropriate detergent solutions and disinfectant or by using a combination detergent or disinfection product that accomplishes the same purpose with a thorough cleaning of the surfaces to remove excreta, feces, hair, dirt, debris and food waste so as to remove all organic material and mineral buildup and to provide sanitization followed by a clean water rinse, or, (d) in the event none of the foregoing methods described in (e)(3)(a), (b) or (c) can be used to sanitize primary enclosures, primary enclosures must be made sanitary by removing the contaminated material as necessary to prevent odors, diseases, pests, insects and vermin infestation. 3 P.S. 459-207(h)(14)

(4) Primary enclosure described in (e)(1) shall have an entryway that will allow the nursing mother unfettered clearance out of the primary enclosure to an exercise area that is twice the size of the primary enclosure unless an alternative means of allowing clearance from a primary enclosure to the exercise area has been approved by the Canine Health Board or a veterinarian has documented in writing that it is inappropriate for the dog to exercise because of the dog's health, condition or well-being, and which determination shall be reviewed at least every 30 days by the veterinarian and updated as necessary. Records of determinations shall be maintained by the kennel. 3 P.S. Sec. 459-207(i)(4)-(6)

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