

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE WELFARE OF DOGS

1. Food

Dogs should be regularly provided with a diet, which is nutritionally adequate to maintain health and meet the appropriate physiological requirements for growth, pregnancy, lactation and to withstand cold exposure.

2. Water

Water must be available at all times. Special attention to provision of water is necessary when freezing temperatures prevail.

3. Cages

The minimum size of a double cage should be 12' x 6'.

The sleeping area must be sufficiently enclosed to give protection from the elements. The dog must be provided with a bed raised off the floor.

The flooring may be of concrete or some other impervious material, however wooden slats are preferable.

The run area should have walls which allow the dogs to look out around them without difficulty.

The general structure of the cage should be well maintained and not have the potential to injure a dog in any way.

4. Exercise

The owner or regular handler of every dog must ensure that it is given proper and sufficient exercise free of its cage on a regular basis.

5. Health

Prompt advice must be sought to ensure that every dog is maintained in a healthy condition.

6. Work

It is essential to ensure that dogs are not worked to the point of physical exhaustion. This is more likely to happen (and extra care must be taken) when they are used in conjunction with motorised transport.

7. Absence of Owner or Regular Handler

The owner or regular handler of a dog must ensure that during his or her absence some other person attends to the requirements of this code, and in particular paragraphs 1 and 2 above (Food and Water).