



*City of Bristol
Animal Control Building Committee*

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The regular meeting of the Animal Control Building Committee will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM. in Council Chambers 111 North Main St, Bristol , CT 06010.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Animal Control Committee
3. Summary of Project
4. Public Participation
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting - December 18th 2025
6. Space needs to accommodate purposed facility
 - a. Animal Control Facility Assessment Memorandum
 - b. Regionalization Discussion
7. Alternate site for facility
 - a. Peacedale Street Site
 - b. Vincent P Kelly Road - Current Location
 - c. Combine use with the Police Department

8. Status of architect contract

9. New Business

10. Old Business

11. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON
Lindsey Rivers



City of Bristol
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING COMMITTEE
December 18th 2025
111 North Main Street
Bristol, CT 06010

PRESENT:

Lindsey Rivers, Public Works Analyst
David Oakes, Facilities Manager
Raymond Zagurski, Animal Control Officer
Frank Stawski, Commissioner
Cheryl Thibeault, Commissioner
Matthew Moskowitz, Deputy Chief of Police
Luis Lorenzo, Maintenance Technician
Christopher Hayden, Commissioner
Jon Mace, Commissioner

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Mayor of Bristol
Raymond Rogozinski, Director of Public Works
Lukasz Burkacki, Civil Engineer
Nancy Haynes, Purchasing Agent

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Lindsey Rivers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

NONE

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. Regular Meeting – November 20th 2025

Commissioner Frank Stawski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Animal Control Officer Raymond Zagurski.

Vote: Unanimously Passed

4. **NEW BUISNESS**

a. Project Review

1. Discuss potential sale of 30 Cross Street

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu informed the committee that there are multiple interested parties in 30 Cross Street. Putting this property back on the tax rolls may be something to consider.

2. Regionalization Discussion

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu has reached back out to neighboring towns and inquired if there administrations would consider discussing regionalizing their animal control facility. Wolcott, Burlington and Farmington are all interested in having a conversation about potentially regionalizing. The Committee further discussed hosting a round table meeting with other towns to have a conversation of regionalizing.

Chairperson Lindsey Rivers also spoke on the possible grant we could apply for if more towns come on board to qualify for the grant we need a 50% partner which can be multiple towns. She confirmed with Mayor Zoppo-Sassu what the grant could cover if we remodel 30 Cross Street or build a new building.

3. Discuss the efficiency of building with other city departments

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu discussed other storage needs within the City of Bristol that could possibly be added into the same building. She asked the committee if regionalizing is not a possibility could this building become a multifaceted building.

4. State regulation requirements

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu expressed concern that there was not scope creep for the animal control facility and to stay in line to the state regulations.

5. Explore alternative locations for the Animal Control Facility

Due to the interest in 30 Cross Street and the potential to revenue that this property could bring to the City of Bristol, Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu asked for the committee to look at alternative locations. She as suggested looking at the dog park property on James P Casey Road. This property is owned by the City of Bristol and could possibly be built on. The committee discussed looking further into this property with help from the Public Works Department on the feasibility of building a new structure on James P Casey Road.

5. **OLD BUISNESS**

NONE

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

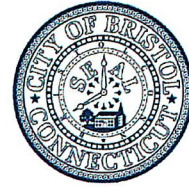
Commissioner Frank Stawski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cheryl Thibeault.

Vote: Unanimously Passed

The Animal Control Building Committee regular meeting on December 18th 2025 was hereby adjourned at 5:34pm.

Jacqueline England

Recording Secretary



Department of Public Works | 860.584.6125

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2026

TO: Animal Control Facility Committee

FROM: Lukasz W. Burkacki, E.I.T., Civil Engineer

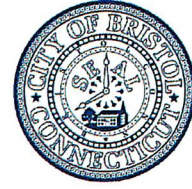
**RE: ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY COMMITTEE – REPORT OF
ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY REGULATIONS & SPACE NEEDS**

The Department of Public Works worked with Animal Control to review the rules and regulations that govern animal control facilities. The objective of this collaboration is to develop a plan and assessment that best fulfills the needs and requirements of a new facility. The regulations that govern are from the Department of Agriculture (DOAG). The regulations that were defined in relation to sizing a facility were:

1. A primary enclosure for dogs weighing more than forty-five pounds shall meet the following minimum criteria of sixteen square feet per dog. (Sec. 22-336-34(d)(1))
2. An indoor run or outdoor run (exercise run) shall be provided and shall be forty-eight inches wide for a dog weighing more than forty-five pounds and the minimum length of a run shall be eight feet. (Sec. 22-336-34(d)(1))
3. A dog pound shall have at least one isolation area, and at least one additional isolation area for every ten primary enclosures. An isolation area for a dog shall consist of a primary enclosure and an indoor run or an outdoor run. (Sec. 22-336-40(a))

Animal Control also provided space needs that were not well defined in the regulations like: storage, garage, exotic animals room, etc. An assessment to calculate the minimum area required for an animal control facility for the City of Bristol was developed. The assessment indicates that a minimum facility size of approximately 6,000 square feet is required. It should be noted that this assessment is based solely on the DOAG regulations applicable to dog pounds.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 860-584-6122.

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Engineering Assessment	
Function	Square Footage
30 Primary Enclosures (16 sq ft)	480
30 Exercise Runs (4' x 8')	960
5 Isolation Areas	INCLUDED ABOVE
Waiting Area (10' x 12')	120
Public Restroom (6' x 7.5')	45
Animal Control Office (10' x 12')	120
Storage (10' x 12')	120
Corridors	1200
Bathing Area (10' x 14')	140
Garage (15' x 24')	360
Cat Kennel Room (10' x 15')	150
Private Restroom/Locker Room (9' x 13.5')	121.5
Wash Room (10' x 12')	120
Additional Storage (8' x 12')	96
Exotic Animals Room (10' x 10')	100
Freezer Closet (3' x 10')	30
Mechanical Room (8' x 10')	80
Electrical Room (8' x 10')	80
Maintenance Workroom (7' x 12')	84
Sprinkler Room (8' x 10')	80
SUBTOTAL NET PROGRAMMED AREAS	4162.5
External Walls, Interior Partitions, & Circulation @ 30%	1248.75
10% Buffer	541.125
TOTAL	5952.375



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Agency

Department of Agriculture

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Dog Pounds

Sec. 22-336-1—22-336-12. Repealed

Repealed April 26, 1993.

Standards for the Construction and Improvement of Dog Pounds

Sec. 22-336-13. Definitions (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-14. Impoundment requirements.

No dog may be impounded at a dog pound which does not meet the requirements of sections 22-336-16 to 22-336-18, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The provisions of this section shall not apply on and after January 1, 2029, or to any dog pound required to conform to the provisions of section 22-336-34 pursuant to subsection (a) of said section.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Amended December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-15. Compliance (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-16. Physical requirements.

(a) Any building to be used as a dog pound shall be constructed in compliance with sections 22-336-14 to 22-336-18, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and maintained in good repair.

(b) The lower portion of interior and exterior walls of a building to be used as a dog pound shall be constructed of concrete or cement block material up to a minimum height of four (4) feet.

(c) All fencing shall be a maximum 1½ inch wire mesh by 11 minimum wire gauge to contain impounded dogs and of a design to prevent injury.

(d) A copy of blueprints detailing the construction of the dog pound facility or renovation of an existing facility shall be submitted to the commissioner at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of construction.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply on and after January 1, 2029, or to any dog pound required to conform to the provisions of section 22-336-34 pursuant to subsection (a) of said section.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Amended December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-17. Pens and runs.

(a) Dog pounds shall provide either an indoor run, or an outdoor run and an adjacent indoor pen for each adult dog.

(b) Indoor runs shall measure not less than forty (40) square feet with a minimum width of four (4) feet and a minimum height of six (6) feet. Solid partition dividers shall be provided between each run extending from the floor to a height of at least four (4) feet and shall extend the full length of the run.

(c) Outdoor runs shall measure not less than four (4) feet wide, eight (8) feet long and six (6) feet high with a gate at the end of each run. Solid partition dividers shall be provided between each run extending from the floor to a height of at least four (4) feet and shall extend the full length of the run.

(d) Outdoor runs shall be covered by a permanent roof of suitable material to protect the runs from snow, rain and excessive sunlight and a barrier shall be provided between the top of the runs and the roof structure to prevent the escape of impounded dogs.

(e) Indoor pens shall be adjacent to each outdoor run and shall measure not less than four (4) feet square and at least four (4) feet high. Any indoor run of less than six (6) feet in height must be covered with a maximum of 1 1/2 inch wire mesh by 11 minimum wire gauge chain link fence and shall be kept clear of obstruction to provide for air circulation.

(f) Indoor pens shall be supplied with a solid partition divider extending from the floor to a height of at least four (4) feet.

(g) Doorways between indoor pens and the outdoor runs shall be offset from center to provide adequate space for resting surfaces to be placed in the indoor pens.

(h) The provisions of this section shall not apply on and after January 1, 2029, or to any dog pound required to conform to the provisions of section 22-336-34 pursuant to subsection (a) of said section.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Amended December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-18. Floors and base of runs.

(a) All dog pounds shall have smooth concrete floors, runs and troughs with a minimum of one-quarter (1/4) inch pitch per foot.

(b) Floors of outdoor runs shall be pitched away from the building in the direction of a trough installed at the end of the run, exterior to the run fencing.

(c) Floors of indoor pens shall be pitched toward a trough installed at the end of the pen, exterior to the pen fencing.

(d) Floors of indoor runs shall be pitched toward a trough which has been made inaccessible to dogs by either covering or placement exterior to the run fencing.

(e) All troughs shall be pitched toward covered drains at least six (6) inches in diameter connected by pipe not less than six (6) inches in diameter to a disposal system approved by the official responsible for local sewage disposal.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply on and after January 1, 2029, or to any dog pound required to conform to the provisions of section 22-336-34 pursuant to subsection

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(a) of said section.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Amended December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-19. Heat and ventilation (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-20. Water supply (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-21. Lighting (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-22. Sanitation (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-23. Food and water containers (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-24. Storage of dog food (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-25. Removal of dead dogs (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-26. Isolation area (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-27. Quarantined dogs (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

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Sec. 22-336-28. Animal care (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-29. Transportation (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-30. Grandfather clause (Repealed)

Repealed December 13, 2023.

(Effective April 26, 1993; Repealed December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-31. Definitions.

As used in sections 22-336-14, 22-336-16 to 22-336-18, inclusive, this section, and sections 22-336-32 to 22-336-42, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

- (1) "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations;
- (2) "Clean" means to be made free of organic material and debris;
- (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;
- (4) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;
- (5) "Disinfected" means treated with either a chemical used pursuant to the manufacturer's instructions or water heated to not less than one hundred-eighty (180) degrees Fahrenheit or eighty-two and two-tenths (82.2) degrees Celsius in order to eliminate pathogens such as canine parvovirus;
- (6) "Dog Pound" means a suitable building provided and maintained by a city or town for the detention and care of dogs and other domestic animals or through written agreement with a city or town, a suitable building provided for the detention and care of dogs and other impounded animals with a licensed veterinarian, or in a licensed veterinary hospital, licensed commercial kennel, a dog pound maintained by another city or town, or other suitable building approved by the Commissioner;
- (7) "Exercise Area" means an indoor run or outdoor run;
- (8) "Impounded Animal" means a dog, cat or other domestic animal detained or seized by any animal control officer appointed pursuant to section 22-328, 22-331, or 22-331a of the Connecticut General Statutes for the purpose of detaining an animal, quarantining an animal, or holding an animal pursuant to any statute or municipal ordinance that authorizes the detention or seizure of an animal;
- (9) "Indoor Pen" means a completely enclosed area inside a dog pound building to be used for shelter by an impounded dog;
- (10) "Indoor Run" means an area inside a completely enclosed dog pound to be used for shelter and exercise by an impounded animal;

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(11) "Outdoor Run" means an incompletely enclosed area adjacent to a dog pound to be used for exercise by an impounded animal;

(12) "Primary Enclosure" means any indoor structure or device used to restrict an animal or animals to a limited amount of space, such as a room, cage, or compartment;

(13) "Renovate" means to construct, add to, or change the size, construction or composition of indoor pens, indoor runs and outdoor runs, primary enclosures, fences, floors, heating system, water supply system, waste disposal system, or any other physical component of a dog pound;

(14) "Renovation" means the construction of, addition to, or change in the size, construction or composition of indoor pens, indoor runs and outdoor runs, primary enclosures, fences, floors, heating system, water supply system, waste disposal system, or any other physical component of a dog pound; and

(15) "Sanitary" means healthy, clean and free from infective and deleterious influences.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-32. Dog Pound Facility Requirements.

Each city or town that provides and maintains a dog pound shall meet the requirements of this section and sections 22-336-33 to 22-336-42, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Each city or town that provides for a dog pound in a building with a licensed veterinarian, or in a licensed veterinary hospital, licensed commercial kennel, a dog pound maintained by another city or town, or in a suitable building approved by the Commissioner, shall hold all necessary licenses, and permits for that designated type of facility, and comply with this section and sections 22- 336-33 to 22-336-42, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-33. Dog Pound Structure Requirements.

(a) A dog pound shall be structurally sound, comply with all applicable building code requirements, and be maintained in good repair to prevent injury to dogs, cats, and other domestic animals, to contain the dogs, cats, and other domestic animals, and to restrict the entrance of other animals.

(b) Whenever a new dog pound is to be constructed or whenever an existing dog pound is renovated, the city or town shall submit a copy of the floor plan, containing all necessary local and state approvals, to the commissioner, not later than ninety (90) days prior to the anticipated date upon which construction or renovation will commence. Such floor plan shall include the purpose and dimensions for each room, the dimensions for each indoor run, outdoor run, and primary enclosure, the location of drains, a description of wall, floor and ceiling materials and finishes, the location of entrances and exits, and a description of the heating and ventilation systems. The floor plan shall be reviewed by the commissioner for conformance with the requirements for a dog pound under section 22-336 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and sections 22-336-32 to 22- 336-42, inclusive, of the

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(c) Dog pound walls and floors shall be constructed of impervious surfaces, including, but not limited to, tile, sealed cement or concrete block treated with epoxy paint, that can be cleaned and disinfected.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-34. Primary Enclosures and Exercise Areas.

(a) The provisions of this section shall apply to dog pounds on and after January 1, 2029, provided if a new construction or renovation of a dog pound commences on or after January 1, 2024, but prior to January 1, 2029, such dog pound shall comply with the provisions of this section not later than (1) the date of completion of such new construction or renovation, or (2) January 1, 2029, whichever is earlier.

(b) A primary enclosure shall be provided for each dog or other domestic animal, excluding any cats, and shall be of sufficient size and design as to allow each dog or other domestic animal to stand, sit, lie down, turn around, and make other normal postural adjustments without obstruction, interference, or impediment by the presence of food, water bowls, equipment, or other animals, unless different space requirements are medically required by a Connecticut licensed veterinarian.

(c) A primary enclosure for each dog shall meet the following minimum criteria:

(1) For dogs weighing not more than twenty-five (25) pounds, five (5) square feet per dog; for dogs weighing more than twenty-five (25) pounds but not more than forty-five (45) pounds, nine (9) square feet per dog; and for dogs weighing more than forty-five (45) pounds, sixteen (16) square feet per dog; or provide space equal to or more than the space requirements for dogs pursuant to 9 CFR 3.6(a)(2)(xi) and 9 CFR 3.6(c)(1), as amended from time to time;

(2) Walls shall be constructed up to a minimum height of six (6) feet, with the lower four (4) feet and floors being constructed of impervious surfaces, such as tile, sealed cement or concrete block treated with epoxy paint, that can be cleaned and disinfected;

(3) All fencing shall not exceed a maximum one and one-half (1.5) inch wire mesh by eleven (11) minimum wire gauge to contain dogs and installed in a manner to prevent injury; and

(4) Ceilings shall be cleaned and kept free of accumulated dust and debris.

(d) An exercise area shall be provided for each dog, and shall meet the following minimum criteria:

(1) An indoor run or outdoor run shall be provided, and shall be not less than thirty-six (36) inches wide for a dog weighing not more than forty-five (45) pounds, and forty-eight (48) inches wide for a dog weighing more than forty-five (45) pounds, or twice the number of square feet of the required primary enclosure area pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of this section, if a dog is individually housed; or an area equal to the number of dogs multiplied

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by the required primary enclosure area, if housed as a group. The minimum length of a run shall be eight (8) feet.

(2) Walls between each indoor run or outdoor run shall extend the entire length of the run, and shall be constructed up to a minimum height of six (6) feet, with the wall being constructed of solid partition dividers between each run, from the floor to a height of at least four (4) feet.

(3) The solid partition dividers and floors of indoor runs and outdoor runs shall be constructed of impervious surfaces, such as tile, sealed cement or concrete block treated with epoxy paint, that can be cleaned and disinfected.

(4) Outdoor runs shall be covered by a permanent roof of suitable material to protect the runs from snow, rain and excessive sunlight and a barrier shall be provided between the top of the runs and the permanent roof to prevent the escape of dogs.

(5) The doorways between a primary enclosure and an outdoor run shall be offset from center to provide adequate space for resting surfaces to be placed in the primary enclosure.

(6) Outdoor runs for dogs, if provided, shall: (A) have sufficient drainage that prevents the accumulation of stagnant water, (B) be surrounded by fencing, with a minimum height of six (6) feet, to prevent escape of any dog, and (C) be kept in a safe and sanitary condition. The surface of outdoor runs shall be replaced, when necessary, in order to maintain a sanitary condition.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-35. Ventilation.

A dog pound shall provide mechanical ventilation sufficient to minimize odor, ammonia levels, disease transmission risk, and stress on each dog, cat, and other domestic animal.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-36. Lighting.

In all areas where animals are housed, a dog pound shall have ample well-distributed light by natural or artificial means, or both, providing for a minimum of eight (8) hours of light in each twenty-four (24) hour period, except where contraindicated for health reasons. Primary enclosures shall be so placed as to protect animals from excessive illumination except for those species which require it.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-37. Animal Health.

(a) Each dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall be provided with food that is wholesome, palatable, free from contamination, and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain animals in good health. Each dog, cat, and other domestic animal shall be fed at least once a day, including weekends and holidays, except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary treatment, normal fasts, or other commonly accepted practices recognized by professionals who are experts in the care of the animals concerned. Sexually

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immature animals shall be fed at least two times per day. Food receptacles shall be cleaned and disinfected. If disposable food receptacles are used, they shall be discarded after each feeding. Food shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect food and supplies against deterioration, molding or contamination by vermin or insects.

(b) Potable water shall be provided at all times to each dog, cat, and other domestic animal in accordance with its needs, except as directed by hibernation, veterinary treatment, or other commonly accepted practices recognized by professionals who are experts in the care of the animals concerned. Water containers shall be designed and of sufficient number to provide and dispense adequate quantities of water for the animal or animals intended to use such containers, and shall be placed in such a way as to prevent spillage. Water containers shall be cleaned and disinfected at least once each day, except that sipper-tube type water bottles, if used, shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to an animal being placed in an enclosure.

(c) Each dog pound shall have on file the name, email address and phone number of a Connecticut licensed veterinarian retained to provide veterinary care for each dog, cat, and other domestic animal, when necessary. Each dog pound shall follow the advice of the Connecticut licensed veterinarian.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-38. Sanitation.

(a) All dog pounds, grounds, indoor runs and outdoor runs, primary enclosures, and any place where a dog, cat, or other domestic animal is kept shall be maintained in a sanitary manner to minimize the harborage, breeding and attraction of insects and vermin. Trash and food containers shall be kept closed or covered when not in use.

(b) Walls, floors and ceilings shall be kept clean. Primary enclosures, indoor runs and outdoor runs and all hard surfaces shall be cleaned and disinfected, and maintained in a sanitary manner.

(c) Primary enclosures and runs shall be cleaned and disinfected before use by another dog, cat or other domestic animal. Chemical disinfectants shall be stored according to the manufacturer's directions. Chemical disinfectants that are used shall be labeled as effective in eliminating viruses and bacteria detrimental to canines such as canine parvovirus.

(d) All dog pounds shall be supplied with a sufficient amount of hot running water for the purpose of maintaining proper sanitary conditions.

(e) All removable resting surfaces, furniture-type fixtures, equipment, or objects within the dog pound shall be constructed in a manner or made of materials that allow them to be cleaned and disinfected, or removed or replaced when worn or soiled.

(f) Excreta and all food waste shall be removed as often as necessary, but at a minimum, at least once daily, from all primary enclosures, indoor runs and outdoor runs. Excreta and all food waste shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

(Effective December 13, 2023)

Sec. 22-336-39. Removal of Mortalities.

Animal mortalities shall be immediately removed from the primary enclosure and isolated from all other animals. Mortalities with an unknown cause of death associated with an investigation concerning animal neglect, animal abuse or a suspected disease incident shall be necropsied at the Connecticut Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory or by a Connecticut licensed veterinarian to determine the manner and cause of death. Mortalities that cannot be transported for necropsy, diagnostic testing or disposal by cremation or burial within four (4) hours of death shall be preserved in a properly operating refrigerator at a temperature of not more than forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or four and forty-four one-hundredths (4.44) degrees Celsius or freezer at a temperature of not more than thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit or zero (0) degrees Celsius until such time as the animal is transferred for purposes of necropsy, diagnostic testing or disposal by cremation or burial.

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Sec. 22-336-40. Quarantined Animals; Isolation Areas.

(a) A dog pound shall have at least one isolation area, and at least one additional isolation area for every ten (10) primary enclosures. An isolation area for a dog shall consist of a primary enclosure and an indoor run or an outdoor run. An isolation area for a cat shall consist of a primary enclosure. If the isolation area at a dog pound is insufficient to hold all quarantined animals, the dog pound shall follow the recommendations of the veterinarian it has retained to isolate the animals.

(b) Isolation areas shall be constructed to prevent transmission of any disease between animals, and prevent public interaction with the isolated animals.

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Sec. 22-336-41. Dog Pound Records, Health Requirements, Emergency Plan.

(a) Dog pounds shall maintain records of each dog, cat, or other domestic animal impounded for two (2) years from the date it was released with at least the following minimum information:

(1) Name and address of the owner or person responsible for the animal, if known, the date of entry, the date of release, and the name, address, phone number and email address of the person who took custody of the animal when it was released;

(2) Description and name of the animal, including the breed, sex, age, color marking or markings, identification device information, such as radio frequency identification device information, if available, tag information, and notes concerning any obvious injury or illness;

(3) Description of veterinary care, if provided, which shall include the date, time, name of and dosage of any medication provided, and name of the person administering any product or procedure; and

(4) If such animal is a dog, documentation confirming that the person who redeemed such dog presented a license and tag for such dog pursuant to section 22-333 of the

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Connecticut General Statutes, or obtained a temporary license for such dog pursuant to section 22-339a of the Connecticut General Statutes. If such person obtained a temporary license, documentation shall be included confirming that such person was notified in writing of the requirement that such person obtain a license for such dog pursuant to section 22-333 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) The records required by subsection (a) of this section shall be maintained at the dog pound, and shall be readily available for inspection by the commissioner, or the commissioner's designated agent.

(c) Each dog pound shall have on file a written emergency plan describing procedures for responding to both natural and man-made disasters, such as fires, floods, extreme weather conditions, power failures, utility disruptions and chemical and toxic spills. The emergency plan shall include procedures for training staff about disaster preparedness, staff's specific responsibilities during a disaster, relocation procedures (if appropriate), and procedures for contacting appropriate emergency response agencies and owners of animals impounded by the dog pound, if such owners are known.

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Sec. 22-336-42. Transportation.

Each dog, cat or other domestic animal transported by an animal control officer shall be transported in an enclosed vehicle. Vehicles used to transport a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to prevent injury to each dog, cat and other domestic animal carried therein.

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Sec. 22-336-43. — 22-336-50. Reserved.

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