

Springfield Boarding Kennels & Cattery

Commercial Boarding Establishment

Premises Specific Conditions following removal of Condition 3.3.4 (the requirement that Communal Facilities must not be used by more than one dog at any one time unless they are from the same household)

1. Dog from different households must not be mixed, including in exercise areas and when walked, unless prior written consent has been obtained from the owner
2. The owner must stipulate what mixing is to take place i.e. whether it is mixing with suitable dogs selected by the kennels proprietor or with named dogs only
3. There must be multiples of all resources in the communal area(s) (water bowls, toys).
4. The ability to separate dogs must be available and each dog (or dogs from the same household) must be allocated a designated kennel within the boarding premises where it is can be kept separate from other dogs.
5. Dogs must be carefully monitored whilst in the communal exercise areas (this is to prevent fighting, injuries, competition, stress, and anxiety in dogs that are not happy mixing with other dogs). This would require that animals are not left unattended.
6. Potential competition between dogs must be avoided when feeding enrichment takes place and use of items should be monitored.
7. A documented policy must be in place for monitoring the introduction of new dogs to the existing group to avoid stress to a new or existing animal
8. Unneutered bitches must not be accepted alongside entire male dogs unless there is sufficient separation in sound, sight, and where possible smell. Entire males must not be mixed in the same communal area with unneutered bitches.
9. Dogs under one year of age should be accommodated in a separate social group
10. Consideration must be given to the age, size, and behaviour differences between dogs to minimise the risk of injuries
11. A documented method of review must be in place to ensure that dogs are excluded if they exhibit any aggressive behaviour
12. In addition to the current vaccination and disease control requirements all dogs must also have been vaccinated against kennel cough
13. Feeding should not take place in the communal areas