

APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF GUARD DOG KENNELS

CONTROL OF DOGS ACT, 1986 (GUARD DOGS) REGULATIONS, 1988

Important: Before completing this form and declaration please read notes overleaf.

1. Name of Applicant: _____
2. Address of Applicant: _____

3. Location of (proposed) guard dog kennels: _____
4. Applicant's interest in (proposed) Kennels (owner, manager etc) _____
5. Maximum number of guard dogs (over 4 months old) to be kept at kennels: _____
6. Has the applicant been disqualified under Section 18 of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 from keeping a dog?
Answer Yes or No: _____
7. Has the applicant been convicted of an Offence under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 or the Protection of Animals Acts 1911 and 1965?
Answer Yes or No: _____
8. Does the construction of the kennels meet the requirements of the First Schedule to the Regulations?
Answer Yes or No: _____

If not, state the date by which the kennels will be altered to meet these requirements. _____

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers given above are true, that the kennels will be operated in accordance with the requirements of the First Schedule to the Regulations and I hereby apply for registration of the Kennels in accordance with the Regulations.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

NOTES

1. **Scope of regulations on registration:** All kennels where more than five guard dogs over four months old are kept or are to be kept must be registered. Registration is valid for 12 months.
2. **Application:** Application for the registration of guard dog kennels must be made by the operator or intending operator to the County Council or County Borough Corporation for the area in which the kennels are situated or will be situated. The application must be accompanied by a site map showing the location of the kennels or proposed kennels and plans and specifications of any existing structures or structures to be erected or altered.
3. **Grant of registration with or without conditions:** The local authority may grant a registration with or without conditions.
4. **Refusal of registration:** The local authority may refuse a registration on the grounds that the construction or operation of the kennels is not in accordance with the standards set out in the Control of Dogs Act, 1986, (Guard Dogs) Regulations, 1988 or where the applicant is convicted of an offence under the Control of Dogs Act, 1986 or the Protection of Animals Acts, 1911 and 1965 and the offence is such as to lead the local authority to the opinion that the person is not a fit person to operate guard dog kennels.
5. **Ineligible person:** A registration cannot be granted to a person disqualified from keeping a dog under Section 18 of the Control of Dogs Act, 1986.
6. **Cancellation of registration:** The local authority may cancel a registration where the construction or operation of the kennels is not in accordance with the specified standards or where conditions attached to a registration have not been met or where the person is convicted of an offence under the Control of Dogs Act, 1986 or the Protection of animal Acts, 1911 and 1965 and the offence is such as to lead the local authority to the opinion that the person is not a fit person to operate guard dog kennels.
7. **Construction and operation standards:** The standards for the construction and operation of guard dog kennels, set out in the First Schedule to the Control of Dogs Act, 1986 (Guard Dogs) Regulations, 1988 and Guard Dog Regulations (Amendment) 1989 are as follows:

FIRST SCHEDULE

Construction and operation of guard dog kennels.

1. The kennels shall be constructed of durable materials and shall be capable of being readily cleansed and disinfected. Floors shall be waterproof, be sloped slightly and have a suitable drainage system. Walls shall be of impervious material and be smooth and washable to their full height.

2. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent the escape of dogs, including an arrangement by which access to the kennels requires passage through two successive doors or gates, both of which open inwards.
3. The kennels shall be adequately lighted, have adequate ventilation and be so constructed as to prevent the dogs therein from being affected by extremes of temperature.
4. Each dog shall be housed in a single kennel which shall be at least 2.13 metres in length, 1.37 metres in breadth and 1.52 metres in height.
5. Dogs shall be supplied with food suitable to their needs and clean drinking water shall be provided for them at all times.
6. Excrement and soiled material shall be removed at least once daily from living compartments and exercise areas.
7. A notice containing a warning that a guard dog is present shall be clearly exhibited at each entrance to the guard dog kennels. The notice shall be not less than 0.5 square metres in area and shall include:
 - a. a large drawing of the outline or silhouette of the head and shoulders of a German Shepherd (Alsation) dog,
 - b. the words "BEWARE GUARD DOGS" in large lettering, and
 - c. the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the kennels.

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Paragraph 3

The First Schedule to the Control of Dogs Act, 1986 (Guard Dogs) Regulations, 1988 is hereby amended by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph 4 of the schedule:-

"Each dog shall be housed in a single kennel which shall be at least 2.13 metres in length, 1.37 metres in breadth and 1.52 metres in height"