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ANIMAL KEEPING AND GREYHOUND TRAINING

This policy applies to the use and development of land for animal keeping and greyhound training.

Policy Basis

Many animal keeping facilities are located in the Mount Alexander Shire and represent an important local industry. The proper siting and design of this form of use and development is needed to ensure residential amenity and environmental quality is protected.

Objective

- To ensure the use and development of land for animal keeping (animal boarding, dog breeding and greyhound keeping) and greyhound training does not impact on the environment;
- To maintain and protect residential amenity in recognised residential zones;
- To ensure quality design and appropriate siting of animal keeping and greyhound training developments.

Policy

It is policy that:

- The responsible authority should apply the following criteria in its assessment of applications for animal keeping and greyhound training. Unless suitable alternative siting, design and environmental management measures can be demonstrated there will be a presumption against granting a permit for use and development which cannot meet the stated criteria.
- Animal keeping and greyhound training use and development should meet the following criteria:
 - the site should be located 500m from a dwelling on another lot that is in a Residential zone.
 - the site should have an area of not less than 2 hectares;
 - the maximum density of animals kept on the site should not exceed the ratio of 10 animals per hectare (not including animals less than 6 months old);
 - not more than 10 per cent of the area of the site should be occupied by animal keeping facilities (kennels, associated buildings, dog runs and the like).
 - animal keeping facilities (kennels, associated buildings, dog runs and the like) should be setback a minimum of 30 metres from any road (whether or not such road forms the frontage) and setback a minimum distance of 10 metres from any dwelling on the land.
- Landscaping and screening of the site should be undertaken to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- All animal keeping facilities should be constructed of such materials and/or components as are necessary to prevent noise disturbance to adjoining or nearby properties by animals kept therein.

- No untreated animal waste should be stored on the land and all animal keeping facilities should be regularly washed-down and maintained in a clean and hygienic manner to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- All animal waste, manure and wash-down water should be treated and disposed of either within the boundaries of the site or in an alternative manner approved by the responsible authority.
- All feed rooms and treatment rooms should be constructed to have impervious walls and floors.
- All dog food should be stored in vermin proof containers during storage.
- An area should be set aside on the site for parking visitors cars and such area should be drained, treated and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority to minimise the emission of dust.
- The use, including the times and methods of exercising, feeding and kennelling should at all times be conducted to the satisfaction of the responsible authority so as to prevent nuisance or disturbance to nearby properties by reason of noise, smell or otherwise.
- The land should not be used for displays or exhibitions attended by members of the public or for meetings or exhibition organised by a Dog Club or Kennel Club or the like except with the consent of the responsible authority.