

**CHAPTER 10**  
**PET STORES/KENNELS**

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10.1 AUTHORITY

The Board of Health, Town of Norton and under authority granted by Section 31, Chapter 111 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby adopted the following regulations at a meeting of the Board of Health.

10.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to protect the health and safety of town residents by ensuring that establishments and or residents with 4 or more dogs kept for sale, boarding, breeding, or as pets shall be maintained in appropriate, secure and sanitary conditions.

10.3 DEFINITIONS

PET STORE:

A place or premises where birds, mammals, or reptiles are kept for the purpose of either wholesale or retail sale.

KENNEL:

A kennel is defined as any collection of 4 or more dogs of 12 weeks of age or older owned or kept by a person on a single premise, regardless of the purpose for which they are maintained.

COMMERCIAL KENNEL:

Person, business or facility breeding dogs for the purpose of sale.

BOARDING KENNEL:

Any facility or business that takes dogs owned by others in temporarily for the purpose of boarding.

RESIDENTIAL KENNEL:

A resident that has a collection of 4 or more dogs on a single premise.

10.4 REQUIREMENTS:

All pet stores and kennels are required to register with the Norton Board of Health. The following information will be required for registration:

- A. Name and address of owner.
- B. Daytime and nighttime phone numbers of owner.
- C. Name, address, and phone number of the pet store or kennel.
- D. Proof of State licensing and inspection reports if applicable.
- E. Types of animals being sold if applicable.
- F. Description of manure handling.
- G. Rabies certificate for all animals if applicable

10.5 SCOPE:

This regulation is in addition to any applicable State Laws and in no way intends to supersede, interfere, or reduce the authority of the Commonwealth governing pet stores.

10.6 CONTAINMENT:

A physical barrier of fencing 6' six foot, or of suitable height for the breed of dog(s) so that they can be properly contained. So-called invisible fencing, radio type collars and cable tie downs or run are not acceptable.

10.7 APPLICABILITY:

All new pet stores, kennels, dog pounds, and animal shelter must register with the Board of Health prior to beginning operations. All existing pet stores, kennels, dog pounds, and animal shelters must register within thirty days after promulgation of this regulation. Licenses are non-transferable.

10.8 VACCINATIONS:

At each annual license renewal the kennel owner must provide proof of rabies vaccination for dogs kept on site permanently.

10.9 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR KENNEL REGULATIONS:

The following are considered enforcement agents: Health Agent, Building Inspector and Animal Control Officer.

10.10 REVIEW AND SIGN OFF REQUIREMENT:

The following offices must sign off on all new kennel applications; Building Inspector, Zoning Officer, Town Clerk, Animal Control and the Health Agent.

10.11 Fees:

A fee shall be established for commercial, boarding, residential kennel and pet stores. All licenses must be posted. Licenses are not transferable. Fees shall be as listed in the Fee Schedule.