

Vermont Statutes Title 13, Chapter 8, Compliance Check List

Report No.:	Animal Owner/Caretaker:				
Date & Time:	Address:				
Temperature:	Phone:				
Weather Conditions:	Email:				
	Veterinarian & Contact Information:				
Humane Officer:	# Animals	Species	Description		
Agency:					
Phone:					
365 – SHELTER OF ANIMALS (see full text of Title 13 for additional details)				OBSERVATIONS DURING INSPECTION	
				YES	NO
(a) All livestock and animals . . . must be provided with adequate shelter to prevent direct exposure to the elements . <i>Note: Describe the shelter and condition of any animals. Is it raised off the ground? Is there bedding? If so, what kind and is it dry? What direction is the shelter facing? Is the doorway protected? Is there standing water and/or ice inside the shelter? Is it large enough for the animal to gain access? Is the animal exhibiting any physical signs of distress like shivering or excessive panting?</i>					
(b) Adequate natural shelter , or a 3-sided, roofed building with exposure out of the prevailing wind and of sufficient size to adequately accommodate all livestock maintained out-of-doors shall be provided. The building opening size and height must . . . extend one foot above the withers of the largest animal housed . . . even with manure and litter build-up.					
(c) A dog , whether chained or penned, shall be provided living space no less than 3 ft x 4 ft for 25 pound and smaller dogs, 4 ft x 4 ft for 26-35 pound dogs, 4 ft x 5 ft for 36-50 pound dogs, 5 ft x 5 ft for 51-99 pound dogs, and 5 ft x 6 ft for 100 pound and larger dogs. The specifications of this section shall apply to each dog , regardless of whether the dog is housed individually or with other animals. <i>Note: "living space" is defined as "any cage, crate, or other structure used to confine an animal that serves as its principal, primary housing . . . (and) does not include a structure, such as a dog house, in which an animal is not confined . . . (or) . . . other structure in which the animal is temporarily confined."</i>	Size	Weight	Actual Living Space Size	No. of Animals	
		3'x4' (≤ 25 lbs)			
		4'x4' (26-35 lbs)			
		4'x5' (36-50 lbs)			
		5'x5' (51-99 lbs)			
		5'x6' (≥ 100 lbs)			



<p>(d) A dog or cat confined in a living space shall be permitted outside the cage, crate, or structure for an opportunity of at least one hour of daily exercise . . . separate space for exercise is not required if an animal's living space is at least three times larger than the minimum requirements. (reference 365 (c) above)</p>	Amount of time outside of cage: Evidence to Support:				
<p>(f) A dog chained to a shelter must be on a tether chain at least four times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, and shall allow the dog access to the shelter.</p>	Length of chain:				
	Approx. length of dog (from tip of nose to base of tail):				
	Access to Shelter:				
<p>(g) A cat, over the age of two months, shall be provided minimum living space of nine square feet, provided the primary structure shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow the cat to turn about freely, stand, sit, and lie down. Each primary enclosure . . . must be at least 24 inches high. These specifications shall apply to each cat regardless of whether the cat is housed individually or with other animals.</p>	Required Size Per Animal	Actual Size	No. of Animals		
	9 sq ft				
	Required Height	Actual Height	No. of Animals		
	2 feet				
General Observations:					
<p>(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, animals may be temporarily confined in a space sufficient for them to stand and turn about freely, provided that they are exercised in accordance with accepted agricultural or veterinarian practices, and are provided sufficient food, water, shelter, and proper ventilation.</p>	Temporary Period in confinement (# hrs/day): Evidence to support:				
351- DEFINITIONS					
<p>(16) "Adequate food" means food that is not spoiled or contaminated and is of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the animal and the environment in which it is kept. An animal shall be fed or have food available at least once each day, unless a licensed veterinarian instructs otherwise, or withholding food is in accordance with accepted agricultural or veterinarian practices.</p>	Brand:				
	Quantity:				
	Quality:				
	No. of times fed/day:				
	Access/ Availability:				



<p>(17) "Adequate water" means fresh, potable (drinkable) water provided at suitable intervals for the species, and which, in no event, shall exceed 24 hours at any interval. The animal must have access to the water (for ex., not frozen and/or outside of their reach).</p>	Quantity:			
	Quality:			
	Access/ Availability:			
	Describe Container Used:			
<p>(9) "Sanitation" means the maintenance of clean conditions for indoor and outdoor enclosures to minimize health hazards, including periodic cleanings to remove excretions or other waste materials, dirt and trash. <i>Note: describe presence and amount of potential hazards, including feces, urine, trash and other environmental hazards.</i></p>	Feces			
	Urine			
	Trash/Dirt			
<p>(7) "Necessary Medical Attention" shall include but not be limited to medical treatment for illness, injury, disease, excessive parasitism, or malformed or overgrown hoof.</p>	Describe any obvious injuries or illnesses:			
	When was the animal last seen by a veterinarian?			
<p>(10) "Torture" or "torment" means omission, neglect, or an act by an animal owner or other person, whereby physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted to be caused to an animal.</p>	Describe:			

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE (Use Request to Comply Forms for Added Detail)

Time to Comply:

Date for Follow-up Inspection(s):



§ 352. Cruelty to animals

A person commits the crime of cruelty to animals if the person:

- (1) intentionally kills or attempts to kill any animal belonging to another person without first obtaining legal authority or consent of the owner;
- (2) overworks, overloads, tortures, torments, abandons, administers poison to, cruelly beats or mutilates an animal, or exposes a poison with intent that it be taken by an animal;
- (3) ties, tethers, or restrains an animal, either a pet or livestock, in a manner that is inhumane or is detrimental to its welfare. Livestock and poultry husbandry practices are exempted;
- (4) deprives an animal which a person owns, possesses or acts as an agent for, of adequate food, water, shelter, rest, sanitation, or necessary medical attention, or transports an animal in overcrowded vehicles;
- (5) owns, possesses, keeps or trains an animal engaged in an exhibition of fighting, or possesses, keeps or trains any animal with intent that it be engaged in an exhibition of fighting, or permits any such act to be done on premises under his or her charge or control;
- (6) acts as judge or spectator at events of animal fighting or bets or wagers on the outcome of such fight;
- (7) as poundkeeper, officer, agent of a humane society or as an owner or employee of an establishment for treatment, board or care of an animal, knowingly receives, sells, transfers or otherwise conveys an animal in his or her care for the purpose of research or vivisection;
- (8) intentionally torments or harasses an animal owned or engaged by a police department or public agency of the state or its political subdivisions, or interferes with the lawful performance of a police animal;
- (9) knowingly sells, offers for sale, barter or displays living baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl which have been dyed, colored or otherwise treated so as to impart to them an artificial color, or fails to provide poultry with proper brooder facilities;
- (10) uses a live animal as bait or lure in a race, game or contest, or in training animals in a manner inconsistent with Part 4 of Title 10 or the rules adopted thereunder. (Added 1989, No. 270 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; amended 1997, No. 130 (Adj. Sess.), § 7; 2003, No. 120 (Adj. Sess.), § 2.)
 - (i) Failure to comply with this section shall be a violation of subdivision 352(3) or (4) of this title.
 - (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an animal may be sheltered, chained, confined, or maintained out-of-doors if doing so is directed by a licensed veterinarian or is in accordance with accepted agricultural or veterinarian practices. (Added 1989, No. 270 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; amended 1989, No. 256 (Adj. Sess.), § 10(a), eff. Jan. 1, 1991; 1997, No. 130 (Adj. Sess.), § 12; 2003, No. 120 (Adj. Sess.), § 8.)

§ 352a. Aggravated cruelty to animals

A person commits the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals if the person:

- (1) kills an animal by intentionally causing the animal undue pain or suffering; or
- (2) intentionally, maliciously, and without just cause tortures, mutilates, or cruelly beats an animal. (Added 1997, No. 130 (Adj. Sess.), § 8; amended 2003, No. 120 (Adj. Sess.), § 3.)

Humane Agent: _____ Date: _____

Animal Owner/Caretaker: _____ Date: _____

