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CHAPTER 14.1

COMPANION ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

HOUSING STANDARDS FOR CATS AND DOGS IN COMPANION ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENTS REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 18 of the *Companion Animal Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-14.1, Council made the following regulations:

- 1.** In these regulations
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| | Definitions |
| (a) "Act" means the <i>Companion Animal Protection Act</i> R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-14.1; | Act |
| (b) "cat" means a male or female adult or juvenile cat, and includes a kitten; | cat |
| (c) "cat length" means the length of a cat measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail; | cat length |
| (d) "dog" means a male or female adult or juvenile dog, and includes a puppy; | dog |
| (e) "dog length" means the length of a dog measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail; | dog length |
| (f) "housing unit" means any cage or other enclosure used to house a cat or dog, but does not include housing in a cage while transporting a dog or cat outside a companion animal establishment; | housing unit |
| (g) "shoulder height" means the height of a cat or dog as measured from a flat surface on which the cat or dog is standing to the highest part of the back at the base of the neck of the cat or dog. (EC682/03) | shoulder height |
- 2.** (1) Every licensee housing a single cat or dog in a housing unit shall ensure that the floor space of the housing unit housing the cat or dog is at least the minimum floor space, as determined by the Schedule, using the cat or dog length of the animal being housed.
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| | Minimum floor space |
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- (2) Every licensee housing a cat or dog that is nursing her young shall ensure that the minimum floor space of the housing unit is the minimum floor space required under subsection (1) plus an additional 10% floor space for each cat or dog in the litter. (EC682/03)
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| | Nursing of offspring |
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- 3.** Every licensee housing one or more cats or dogs in a housing unit shall ensure that the shortest length and width dimensions of the housing unit shall be not less than
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| | Minimum length and width requirements |
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(a) the cat length or dog length of the longest cat or dog housed in the housing unit; or
 (b) 35 centimetres,
 whichever is greater. (EC682/03)

Minimum height requirements

4. (1) Every licensee housing one or more dogs in a housing unit shall ensure that the minimum height of the housing unit is
 (a) 1.5 times the shoulder height of the tallest dog housed in the housing unit; and
 (b) not less than 20 centimetres from the top of the head of the tallest dog to the ceiling of the housing unit, as measured when the dog is standing.

Idem

(2) Every licensee housing one or more cats in a housing unit shall ensure that the minimum height of the housing unit shall be
 (a) 1.5 times the shoulder height of the tallest cat housed in the housing unit; and
 (b) not less than 20 centimetres from the top of the head of the tallest cat to the ceiling of the housing unit, as measured when the cat is standing on the perch required under section 7. (EC682/03)

Two or more cats or dogs in a housing unit

5. Where two or more cats or dogs are housed in a single housing unit, the licensee housing the cats or dogs shall ensure that the minimum floor space of the housing unit for each cat or dog is the
 (a) minimum floor space required by the longest cat or dog housed in the housing unit as required under subsection 2(1); and
 (b) 35% of the floor space required by clause (a) for each additional cat or dog in the housing unit. (EC682/03)

Housing unit construction

6. Every licensee housing a cat or dog in a housing unit shall ensure that the housing unit has
 (a) at least one wall constructed of transparent material or mesh;
 (b) a solid floor space of at least 1/3 the minimum floor space as required under these regulations; and
 (c) containers for drinking water and food that
 (i) are affixed to a wall or the floor to prevent tipping, or
 (ii) are of a design that prevents tipping. (EC682/03)

Perches for cats

7. (1) Every licensee housing a cat shall ensure that the housing unit has a perch that
 (a) in the case of a single cat, has an area of at least 1/4 the floor space required under subsection 2(1);
 (b) in the case of a cat nursing her young, has an area of at least 1/4 the floor space required under subsection 2(2); and

(c) in the case of two or more cats being housed in a single housing unit, has an area of at least 1/4 the floor space required under section 5.

(2) The perch required under subsection (1) shall be located at least 20 centimetres above the floor of the housing unit. Height of perch

(3) The perch required under subsection (1) shall be in addition to the floor space for a housing unit required under subsection 2(1). Perch additional space
(EC682/03)

SCHEDULE**Minimum Floor Space**

cat length or dog length in centimetres	1-20	21- 30	31- 40	41- 50	51- 60	61- 70	71- 80	81- 90	91- 100	101- 110
minimum floor space in square metres	0.20	0.30	0.42	0.56	0.72	0.9	1.10	1.32	1.56	1.82

(EC682/03)