

WEATHER RELATED HOUSING POLICY

POLICY

No canine-guest will suffer from the effects of cold or hot temperatures, wind or precipitation of any kind. Appropriate action will occur to ensure stress-free existence of canine-guests during extreme weather events.

GUIDELINES

Relocation or warming activities will occur when an ambient air temperature forecast for the kennel location is below 32° F and greater than 2 hours.

Relocation or cooling activities will occur when an ambient air temperature forecast for the kennel location is above 100° F and greater than 2 hours.

Precipitation of any kind or wind greater than 25 mph will not reach the canine-guest's den (doghouse) at any time.

The **Housing Protocol** will describe the requisite actions to prevent any discomfort, negative impact on health and or injury from adverse weather conditions.

HOUSING PROTOCOL

KENNELS

1. Kennel location of dogs with long coats of fur is on the north side of the primary kennel run during January through December.
2. Kennel location of dogs with short coats of fur is on the south side of the primary kennel run during January through December.

KENNEL COVERING

3. The kennel structure will be covered overhead and the sides with a material sufficient to prevent the dog's den from experiencing extended sun exposure between the months of May through September, precipitation of any kind or sustained high winds in excess of 25 mph.
4. Each 10x10 kennel will have a north or south-facing segment of material capable of adjustment for controlling airflow or sunning activities.

DOG RELOCATION

5. Thin-coated dogs will be doubled up according to behavior compatibility when the ambient air temperature forecast is below 40° F for four or more hours. If doubling up is not possible the dog(s) will be relocated to the non-infectious part of the medical wing.
6. Thin-coated dogs will be relocated to the non-infectious part of the medical wing when the ambient air temperature forecast is below 32° F for four or more hours.
7. Thick-coated dogs will be doubled up according to behavior compatibility when the ambient air temperature forecast is below 32° F for four or more hours. If doubling up is not possible the dog(s) will be relocated to the non-infectious part of the medical wing.
8. Thick-coated dogs will be relocated to the non-infectious part of the medical wing when the ambient air temperature forecast is below 25° F for four or more hours.
9. For ambient air temperature forecasts in excess of 100° F for four or more hours the kennel and run misting systems will be in full operation, all swimming pools will hold a minimum level of six inches of fresh water, and all behaviorally compatible and stable dogs will have access to free run the facility property or dog-runs.
10. For ambient air temperature forecasts in excess of 100° F for four or more hours all dogs to relocate to air-conditioned medical wing, main house or inside courtyard facility.

DENS (DOGHOUSES)

TYPE

11. Petmate Indigo Igloo Dog House with Microban

DIMENSIONS

- 12. Length: Measure length of dog from tip of nose to base of the tail - +25% margin
- 13. Inside roof height: Add 1" to 2" to height of dog - margin +50% higher than height of dog
- 14. Door & house width: Measure width of dog from widest part of shoulders - +/- 4"
- 15. Door Height: Measure height of dog from feet to base of neck - 75% of measurement

PLACEMENT

16. All doghouses will face the breezeway, set in center of kennel area and secured to a plastic (preferred) or wooden pallet (use block in absence of pallet).

HOUSE INSULATION

- 17. For the months of November through March all doghouses doorways will be covered with a polyester or heavy cotton material and attached by bungee cord to ensure a covered doorway as permitted by dog's behavior.
- 18. For the months of January and February, straw or pine shavings will be set inside the doghouses as needed and as permitted by dog's behavior.

DOG BEDS

- 19. During the months of November through March, wool or fleece blankets are set inside the doghouse as permitted by dog.
- 20. From April to October raised, chew and water proof beds are put in kennels as permitted by dog as permitted by dog.