5. Has adequate provision been made for the appropriate disposal of waste material and wash down effluent from on, or beneath the kennels runs?

- Disposal direct to ground is not recommended and may not be approved in confined residential locations.
- Solid waste must be collected daily and disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- Liquid waste and wash down effluent should be collected and disposed of to an approved treatment system, eg; septic tank or sewer connection.

6. Do you have appropriate wash down and cleaning facilities on hand?

- The daily wash down of kennel and run facilities is recommended to reduce the risk of smell nuisance to adjoining neighbours.
- The use of detergent products, lime and neutralising agents may be appropriate however the smell of these chemicals may in themselves create a smell nuisance for neighbours so should be used with care.

7. Are you able to provide adequate daily exercise for your dogs?

- Adequate daily exercise for dogs is essential to reduce the risk of barking nuisance caused due to boredom.
- The exercise area must be adequately fenced to prevent the escape of your dogs.

8. Have your dogs been the subject of previous complaints?

- If your dogs have been subject to previous barking, roaming or smell nuisance complaints, this will be taken into account in the Property Licence assessment.

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Explanation

1. The Council requirement for a dog owner to have a Multiple Dog Property Licence applies where 3 or more dogs are being housed on a property which is located within a residential or rural residential zone as determined by the City of Napier District Plan.

2. The requirement for a Property Licence recognises the confined nature of most residential properties, the proximity of adjoining residential dwellings and the potential for disturbance to or concern by adjoining residents due to barking, smell and other nuisance caused by the dogs.

3. The following checklist is a “guide only” to the requirements for a Property Licence.

4. As the circumstances relating to each individual property and the behavioural characteristics of the different breeds of dogs varies, the final conditions as will be applied to the Property Licence will be determined following an on-site inspection by an Animal Control Officer.

5. A Property Licence relates only to the property to which it was originally issued.

6. The recommended maximum number of dogs to be held on a confined residential property is 4. The Property Licence will be subject to a further assessment and approval by Council.

7. The holding of a Property Licence does not in any way exempt the dogs or dog owner from the requirements for dog ownership as laid down under the Dog Control Act 1996 and Council’s Dog Control Bylaws. Issues of barking, smell or other nuisance relating to the dogs will be handled in the normal manner by Animal Control and could result in a Property Licence being revoked at any time.

8. If you wish to apply for a Multiple Dog Property Licence, it is recommended that you use the following checklist to achieve the necessary level of compliance prior to making formal application to Animal Control for an inspection to be carried out.

Checklist

1. Is the property on which the dogs will be housed located within a Residential or rural residential Zone?

2. Are all the dogs correctly registered?

3. Do all the dogs have suitable shelter and a secure exercise area?
   - Housed inside residence on property.
   - Kennels or motels.
   - Collar and chain.
   - Fully fenced property or enclosed run.

4. Are the kennels and exercise run located an appropriate distance from the adjoining property boundary?
   - The recommended minimum distance is 2 metres however the required distance will depend on the circumstance relating to each individual property.