

Boarding Kennels & Catteries

Under certain circumstances boarding kennels and catteries are a *permitted activity* in the Rural Resource Area and will not require resource consent. Under most circumstances, however, a Resource Consent will be required due to a breach of one or more of the following standards;

1. Rule 4.7.6A(d) of the District Plan requires any buildings that are used for the housing or boarding of animals to be setback a minimum of 30m from a boundary. This rule also requires that any form of 'intensive farming' must not be located within 2km of any urban or Rural Residential areas, or 500m of neighbouring dwellings. A breach of this rule requires resource consent as a discretionary activity.

NB: The District Plan's definition of *intensive farming* includes any 'boarding of animals' including dogs or cats.

2. Rule 4.7.6B(b)(i) stipulates that any commercial activities involving over 3 persons in the Rural Area are a discretionary activity (this is only applicable if there are more than 3 people involved in the commercial activity on the property). A breach of this rule will also trigger a requirement to obtain resource consent for a discretionary activity.

When processing a Resource Consent application of this nature the Council will have particular regard to the potential effects the operation may have on the amenity values of adjoining properties. This will include, but not be limited to, any effects associated with noise (e.g. from barking dogs).

Other matters to which Council will pay particular regard to include visual effects (of buildings and runs), traffic effects, and whether the site is appropriately serviced. Another important consideration will be whether or not the proposed boarding facility will have any 'reverse sensitivity' effects on adjoining farming operations (i.e. stock worrying).

If you are thinking about applying for Resource Consent to establish an animal boarding facility, please contact the Council's Planning staff who will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the process.

Link to Resource Consent application forms:

<https://www.codc.govt.nz/services/planning/resource-consent/Pages/default.aspx#link7>