

§ 28.3. Flooring.

Proper flooring is essential for normal behavior and proper orthopedic development of the dogs. Flooring must meet the standards in the legislation or as follows:

- (1) In addition to the flooring already approved in the Dog Law (3 P. S. § § 459-101—459-1206), solid flooring is approved for use.
- (2) Solid flooring must be sloped to a drain that is free of debris and in good repair.
- (3) Drain covers shall be provided and shall be securely fixed and made of noncorrosive substance.
- (4) Flooring may not be metal nor any other material with high thermal conductance. This provision does not exclude the use of radiant heat flooring, or a flooring system to cool, provided that a dog has an area to escape the heat if it gets too warm or too cold.
- (5) Floors and drains must comply with the latest edition of applicable codes.
- (6) The surface of the flooring must provide the dogs with good footing. Examples include sealed concrete, painted concrete, epoxy flooring, sealed wood, textured and sealed tile.
- (7) The flooring shall be cleaned in accordance with section 207(h)(14) of the Dog Law (3 P. S. § 459-207(h)(14)) and may be subject to microbial assessment.
- (8) Flooring may not be made of nor coated with materials that are toxic to dogs.

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